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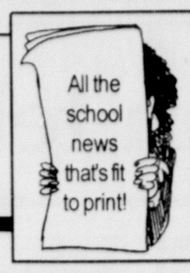

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Port of Sacramento:

Advisory members chosen

Professor J. Clark Kelso of the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law recently announced the membership selection and first organizational meeting of the Port of Sacramento's new advisory committee, which is to make recommendations on how the port can function "within the context of the changing face of the City of West Sacramento and the changing nature of the port's immediate neighborhood communities."

Kelso was asked to organize the new committee by port commission chairman Michael McGowan, following last fall's heated campaign involving port land uses and community relations issues. Kelso has previously done "troubleshooting" for other governmental institutions, including serving at the request of Governor Davis to reorganize the state insurance commissioner's department following a scandal involving former insurance commissioner Charles Quackenbush.

The members of the Kelso Committee are as follows, with names and backgrounds provided by port spokespeople:

Derek Backus, West Sacramento resident and president of the WS-QUAD group which campaigned unsuccessfully to limit port industrial expansion;

Everett Burdan, West Sacramento resident and International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (who campaigned in favor of the port's industrial plans);

Christopher Cabaldon, West Sacramento's mayor;

Norm De Young, Elk Grove resident and community leader involved in issues concerning veterans and Asian-Pacific Islander groups, member of the Sacramento Health Commission;

John Disney, West Sacramento resident and member of the River City Rowing Club at the port, environmental activist;

Denice Edgar, past president of the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce;

Kathy Fletcher, West Sacramento resident and deputy secretary of the state Environmental Protection Agency;

Jack Godwin, Chief International Officer at CSUS and special advisor to the state World Trade Commission;

Stephen Jenkins, assistant director of environmental planning for the California Lands Commission;

Muriel Johnson, member of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors;

Helen Thomson, Davis resident and member of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors;

Jeri Wingfield, West Sacramento resident and president of the West Sacramento Soroptimist Club; and

And Greg Verdon, West Sacramento resident and member of the city's economic development advisory commission.

The first meeting of the committee will be held Feb. 10 at 6:30 in the Lupine-Poppy Conference Room at 3251 Beacon Blvd. in West Sacramento. Meetings will be open to the public.

Kelso told the News-Ledger yesterday that "a big chunk of time" will be set aside at the meeting for the committee to decide how to conduct its business, including how often to meet. He anticipates the committee taking about five to six months to finish its studies and come up with recommendations on "how the port can fulfill its mission in the context of a changing West Sacramento and a changing immediate neighborhood."

He also expects a presentation from port staff on the facility's status and its future.

"This is not a business consulting group (for the port)," he added. "I could see it making some recommendations about what the port should be doing about its planning processes."

Backus and his WS-QUAD group – vocal critics of the port's plans -- were at first not

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Dedicated & celebrated —

New city hall opens doors in festive ceremony

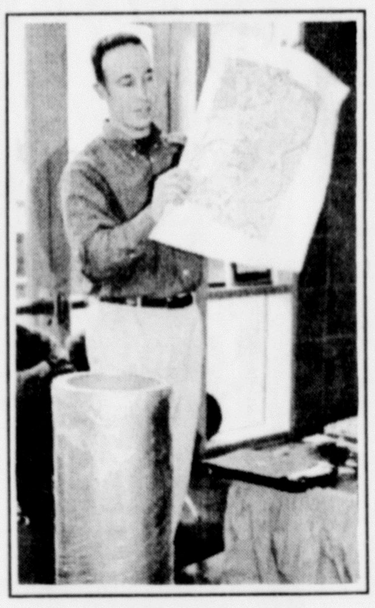
More than 500 people dropped by the new West Sacramento Civic Center on Friday for the facility's dedication and open house. They were entertained by a performance of the West Sacramento Community Orchestra and treated to refreshments.

The complex at 1110 West Capitol Ave. is the first site created expressly for use as a city hall, and houses most of the city government's offices. City hall had previously held court at Stone Blvd. and Halyard Drive sites before the present location was finished last year. The $11 million, 64,000 square foot facility was built on vacant land that had previously been home to a Taco Bell and a country music bar.

At the dedication, a "time capsule" was filled in preparation for 50 years rest under city hall's front lawn. The capsule will be opened around Jan. 25 of 2053 by the city council at that time.

Included in the capsule are copies of the News-Ledger and other newspapers; a city street map and old aerial photos; the pen used by then-mayor Mark Montemayor to sign the construction contract for the civic center in 2001; the River Cats' inaugural season schedule and program; a Raley's advertising supplement; menus from Vince's, Whitey's, Club Pheasant and Emma's; a collection of police department trading cards; the "15 Days in May" photo contest collection; the latest city telephone directory; and the open house guest book from visitors to the ceremony Saturday.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN Lois Wolk (right) presents Mayor Christopher Cabaldon with an Assembly proclamation congratulating the city on the new center



City Councilman Oscar Villegas readies an aerial photo of the city for inclusion in the time capsule; visible behind him is Yolo Supervisor Michael McGowan

Crowd of visitors lines the upper and lower portions of the 'galleria' at the civic center. Behind the upper floor visitors is the council chambers.

PHOTOS BY BARRY BLACKLAW

Yolo braces for shortfall

Yolo County officials report that they are expecting a $10.8 million revenue "hit" to the county's general fund as part of the state's $35 billion budget shortfall. Programs are likely to be cut, reported a Jan. 10 press release from the county.

The governor's budget anticipates a reduction this year of $2.6 million in vehicle license fee revenues with another $7.7 million reduction next year. The county also expects a drop of $1.2 million in Williamson Act subventions – all amounting to more than 25 percent in cuts to the county's general fund through the coming year.

The general fund pays for county programs including public safety, elections and public and environmental health.

"Obviously, we are disappointed by the severity of the cuts," said Vic Singh, county chief administrative officer. "The reductions to our general fund, which is truly the last remaining amount of truly discretionary funds, are devastating. Regardless, we also understand that a great deal of negotiations must take place before the budget becomes final. We hope some of these proposals will be rolled back or modified by then."

Major effort for minors' safety

Patrick Farnworth of Boy Scout Troop 43 partnered with the West Sacramento Police Department Jan. 17 to provide child identification packets to residents of the Washington Courtyard complex on Jan. 17. The scouts and police also fingerprinted about 48 kids. About 15 Boy Scout volunteers helped.

West Sac has new 'sister city' —

West Sacramento resident Bill Resendez got his wish last week:

The city's leaders passed a resolution creating a "sister city" relationship with the town of Alaminos in the Philippines. Resendez is married to a woman from that region, and is a big fan of the beauty and the hospitality of that area.

City councilman Mark Montemayor will have a chance to deliver the city council's "sister city" proclamation personally to Alaminos. He is on a family trip to the Philippines, and will make a visit to Alaminos part of his travels (not at public expense, reports a city spokesman).

Special meeting: budget woes

The school board of Washington Unified School District will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 11, to discuss its teachers' salary impasse and the looming crisis of state budget support for schools. The closed session (labor) part of the meeting begins at 11 a.m. Following that, the board will meet in public session to discuss budget issues.

The district reports that the governor's proposed budget for 2002/2003 would cut 10.8 percent of the funding from programs such as literacy, vocational education, transportation, school improvement funding, class size reduction, counseling, school safety and other categorical programs. The district, in the midst of the teachers' salary negotiations, claims that statewide funding for schools in 2002-2003 will be lower than that of the previous year.

Superintendent Stu Greenfeld expects to make cuts in positions and services.

High school newspaper

Today's issue of the News-Ledger includes the monthly edition of River City High School's campus newspaper, the "Review."

The "Review" is written and produced solely by the students in the RCHS journalism class, and their advisor, Chris Allan.

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How a man can tell if his marriage is in trouble

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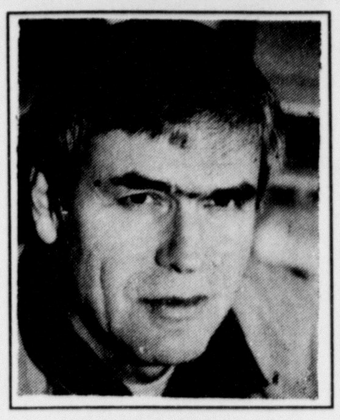


By Daryl Fisher

I was talking to a friend the other day when the conversation suddenly turned to a relative of his who was quite distraught and pretty sure that his wife was about to leave him for another man. "I guess you just never know about stuff like that," said my friend. "I mean, one day two people are as happy as clams, and the next day they can't stand each other. I guess there's just no way to know."

Well maybe there is, I thought to myself, remembering the following, which I ran across quite a few years ago on the Internet:

How a man can tell if his marriage is in serious trouble:

1. His wife receives an Award of Recognition from the Famous Poets Society for an original poem entitled, "My Man is a Complete Idiot."
2. His wife starts making inquiries about how a person gets into one of those witness protection programs.
3. His wife asks him if there is a noose and a tall ladder in the garage.
4. His wife tells him his body has become lumpy, hairy, and altogether disgusting.
5. His wife looks back at him and says, "You woke me up for that?"
6. At halftime during the Super Bowl, his crying wife runs into the room and screams, "Our relationship has been a 45-0 shutout with 18 turnovers!"
7. His wife hangs up a poster in the bedroom that reads: "Married life is like getting into a warm bath -- after awhile, it's not so hot."
8. When his 10th wedding anniversary rolls around and it actually feels like it's his 20th.
9. When he overhears his wife telling a girlfriend, "My husband and I are like two sides of a coin; we can't face each other."
10. His wife comes home from mall shopping wearing a T-shirt with Mae West's picture on it and the words, "Marriage is a great institution, but I'm not ready for an institution."
11. When out of nowhere, his wife asks him, "Do you know what some female spiders do to male spiders after sex?"
12. When instead of arguing over how many children to have, he and his wife now argue over whose stupid idea it was to have children in the first place.
13. When instead of writing love letters, all he writes is checks.
14. When instead of their eyes meeting in a crowded room, his wife tries her best to lose him in a crowded from.
15. When his wife takes up the cause of feminism so she can become the first female member in a previously all male bowling league.
16. When his wife, who used say how much she loved their little talks before they closed their eyes and went to sleep, now falls asleep before he can even get a single word out of his mouth.
17. And finally (and probably the most accurate clue of all), when a man suddenly discovers that he and his wife's $50,000 joint savings account has a new balance of $5.

Joke of the week: A woman brought a very limp parrot into a veterinary surgery. As she lay her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, but Polly has passed away."

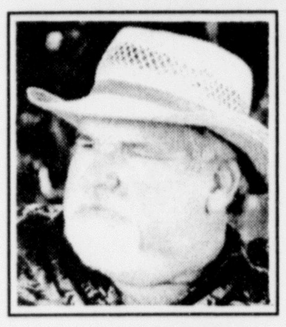
The distressed owner wailed, "Are you sure? I mean, you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, shrugged, turned and left the room, returning a few moments later with a beautiful black Labrador. As the bird's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood up on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the dead parrot from top to bottom. He then looked over at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head. The vet petted the dog and took it out of the office, but returned a few moments later with a cat. The cat jumped up and also sniffed delicately at the ex-bird. The cat finally sat back, shook its head, meowed and ran out of the room. The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but like I said, your parrot is most definitely 100% certifiably dead." He then turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill which he handed to the woman.

The parrot's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "$250," she cried, "just to tell me my bird is dead!"

The vet shrugged. "If you'd taken my word for it," he explained, "the bill would have only been $25, but that was before I had to do the Lab report and the Cat scan."

Obituaries



James Alan Stephan

Jim Stephan was born on January 12, 1951 in Sacramento and passed away on January 25, 2003 while duck hunting in East Nicholas, California, a passion he greatly enjoyed. He is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Kathy Stephan, and children Kelly, Michael and Matthew. He is also survived by his mother, Donna Stephan; siblings Vicki Lovotti (Gary), Bill Stephan (Anne), and Judi Santiago; mother-in-law Betty Bailey; sister-in-laws Debbie McDaniel (Larry) and Lisa Logan; and by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Stephan; grandfathers Floyd Ogden and Ollie Stephan; grandmothers Josephine Ogden and Agnes Herberger; and father-in-law James Bailey.

Jim lived for his family and was a very caring and wonderful husband and father. His goal in life was to have fun and live life to its fullest and he was just a big kid at heart. He attended San Jose State University and was a proud member of the Theta Chi Fraternity and also played football for the San Jose Spartans. Over the years, Jim was affiliated with the West Sacramento Little League (past president), Ducks Unlimited, and played slow-pitch softball for VFW Post #8762.

Jim always put his family first and supported his children in whatever they did. He spent countless hours at the West Sacramento Little League fields managing his son's teams and in the bleachers at Delta High watching their football games. His friends also played an enormous role in his life and his mission was to make sure everyone had a good time. He was also a great storyteller and prankster.

After his career in the construction trades, Jim was looking forward to retirement and spending his golden years at the family cabin in Tahoe Vista. He thoroughly enjoyed going to the cabin and sitting on the back deck, just relaxing and watching Mother Nature at her best. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Services for Jim will be held at George L. Klumpp, Chapel of Flowers, Riverside Boulevard and Second Avenue in Sacramento, at 11 a.m. on January 31, 2003. Interment will follow at the Odd Fellows Cemetery. A reception will also be held at the Dante Club (lunch provided). In lieu of flowers, please send remembrances in his name to the Delta High School Athletic Department c/o Delta High School, 51810 Netherlands Avenue, Clarksburg, California 95612.

Jessie Inez (Castro) Hill

Jessie Hill, a lifetime resident of West Sacramento, passed away on January 21, 2003 at the age of 69. She is survived by her children, Yvonne, Susan, Kathy, Daniel, David, Michelle, Gary and Jeff; sisters Carmen, Angie and Mary; brothers Joe, Manuel, Frank and Robert, all of West Sacramento; and 24 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held for Jessie on January 25, 2003 at the Iglesia Bautista Spanish Church in West Sacramento.

Richard Zatica

Richard Zatica died in Sac-

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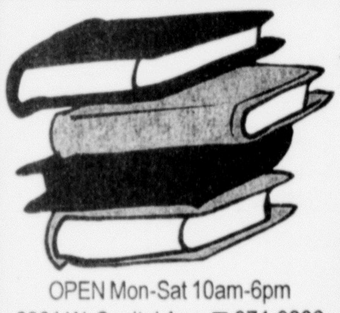

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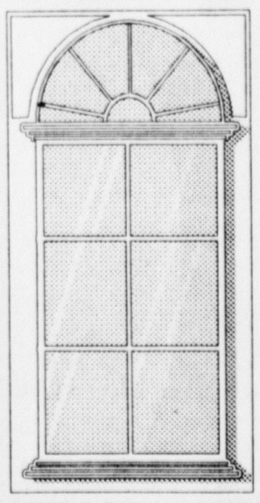
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By Richard Novoa

SUPER BOWL XXXVII

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers showed up in San Diego for the big Super Bowl battle with the other NFL pirates but the Raiders must have left their swords in Oakland. The Bucs walked the Raiders down the gangplank after boarding their ship and ransacking the Silver and Black attack 48 to 21.

It was an ugly, ugly day for the 2002 AFC Champions. The Raiders played like they had an eye patch over both eyes!

The NFL's No. 1 defense dominated the first half of action with a commanding 20-3 lead and the Bucs never looked back. Tampa Bay took no prisoners, holding the league's No. 1 offense to only 19 yards rushing and only 249 total offense. Tampa held the powerful Raiders to 11 first downs and their swarming defense seemed to know the Raiders plays before each snap of the ball. The Raiders offense coordinator, Marc Trestman, had scripted the first 15 plays of the game but think Bucs coach Jon Gruden had a copy of his plan in his back pocket.

The League's MVP, Rich Gannon, set a new Super Bowl record that he is not going to be proud of by throwing five interceptions. The dynamic duo of Brown and Rice ended up being tacklers instead of wide receivers. Brown was held to only 1 catch for 9 yards and Rice didn't catch a pass until 3:30 remained in the third quarter!

Gannon sure missed his All-Pro center Barret Robbins, who was sent home before the game for being AWOL. The Bucs defense harassed Gannon all day just like they did the previous weeks to Jeff Garcia and Donovan McNabb. Tampa's defense rang up three sacks, six hits, and five knockdowns and two interceptions and that was just in the first half.

The aging Raiders needed to win this Super Bowl because next year is going to be very difficult to repeat as conference champions with the salary cap problems facing Al Davis and his beloved Raiders. The Silver and Black attack will be around $50 million over the NFL's salary cap for the 2003 season. The Raiders will have to ask many of their high-priced veterans to sign new deals for less money and cut some of their older players. Let's see if the Raiders are willing to keep paying Jerry Rice the big bucks at the tender age of 41. Remember the 49ers left Jerry Rice go under similar circumstances. Who goes? Rice or Brown because Porter is the receiver of the future. In the NFL it's all about the Benjamin's.

The Raiders will experience the same problems Green Bay, San Francisco and Dallas did when they mortgaged their farms to battle each other for the Lombardi Trophy. It took 3 years for the Packers and 49ers to restock their teams and return to the playoffs. Dallas just hired Bill Parcells in hopes he can restore the Cowboys to the good old boys!

The NFL season concludes this Sunday with the 2003 Pro Bowl in Hawaii. You'll need a program to keep up with all the changes to the rosters.

KINGS KORNER

The Sacramento Kings (32-13) return to the friendly confines of the Arco Arena after losing two consecutive games on the road to the lowly Hawks and Raptors. The Kings will host Utah on Tuesday night and then travel to Seattle (7 p.m.- TNT) before the big game on Friday against the Lakers. The Shaq and Kobe show return to the Arco (7:30 p.m.- ESPN) where Sacramento are Kings at 18-2.

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invited to participate in the committee. But Kelso said he spent some time with Backus and came to believe the community group president would "bring lots of information" and other attributes to the table for the committee.

Backus told the News-Ledger he was "guardedly optimistic" that the committee could help the port become more sensitive to its neighbors.

"I think we're looking forward to getting a plan together that's accountable to the people who live near the port, and to the port itself," said Backus. "I hope the committee is effective. I've seen the port doing more work on public outreach lately."

The committee is expected to present the governing board of the port with a set of recommendations, which the commission is free to either use or disregard.

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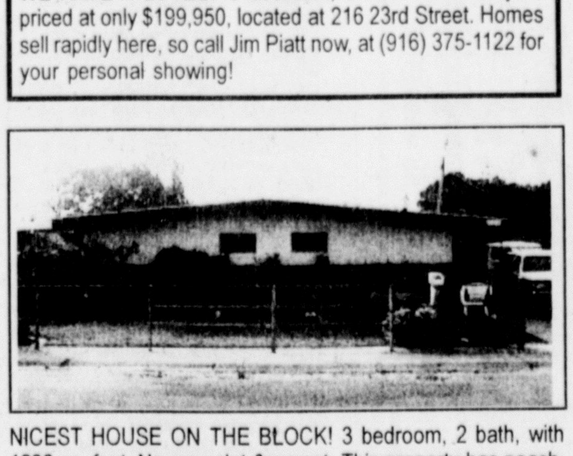

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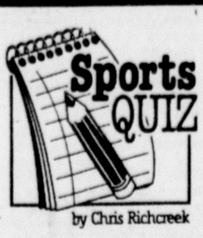

by Chris Richcreek

1. Who led the American League in on-base percentage in 2002?
2. True or false: Tommy John notched more than half of his 288 career victories AFTER he had the elbow surgery that now bears his name.
3. Who scored the touchdown that put Pittsburgh ahead to stay in Super Bowl XIV in 1980?
4. How many of the NBA's "50 greatest players" took part in the 1982 NCAA men's basketball championship between Georgetown and North Carolina?
5. Who led the NHL in plus-minus rating for the 2001-02 season?
6. Only two bowlers have won the PBA Tournament of Champions three times. Name them.
7. When was the last time before 2002 that U.S. skiers took three of the top 10 spots in a World Cup downhill skiing event?

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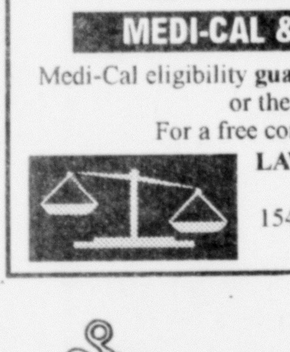

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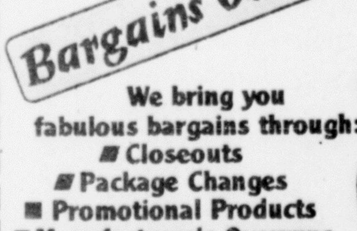

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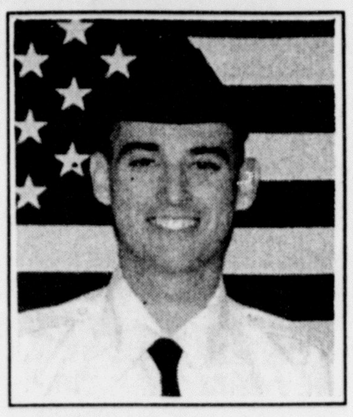

Micheal W. Bell

Air Force Airman Micheal W. Bell recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During his six weeks of training, Bell studied the Air Force mission and military customs, received training in weapons, physical training and human relations, and earned credits towards an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Bell is the son of Jeff Bell of West Sacramento and a 2002 graduate of River City High School.

Marc A. Nickerson

Marine Corps Pfc. Marc Nickerson, a 2000 graduate of West Sacramento's Yolo High School, recently reported for duty with the 1st Battalion, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division in Lejeune, North Carolina.

Kerry P. Phipps

Navy Reserve Petty Officer 1st Class Kerry Phipps of West Sacramento recently was promoted to her current rank while serving at the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Readiness Center in Sacramento. Phipps was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in her designated specialty.

The most celebrated diamond is the Koh-i-noor, which was presented to Queen Victoria in 1850 by the East India Company.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1033611-08 APN: 058-220-201 TRA: None Loan No. 89798912 REF: **Rogers, Claudette IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED January 23, 2001. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On February 18, 2003, at 09:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded January 31, 2001, as inst. No. 2001-0002898-00, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Claudette N. Rogers, An Unmarried Woman, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state: In the courtyard located at 1350 Halyard Drive West Sacramento, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust.. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1504 Clarendon Street West Sacramento Ca 95691. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust to wit: $122,986.15 with interest thereon from September 01, 2002 at 10.500% per annum as provided in said note(s) plus costs and any advances with interest. ESTIMATED TOTAL DEBT $131,470.99. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corp., 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, Ca 92022-9004 Dated January 22, 2003 Trustee Sale Officer: Rhonda L Rorie. (R-92648) 01/29/03 02/05/03 02/12/03

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 2002-11112646-A Loan No. 0011112646 Title Order No. 1388374 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/08/1999. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANA- TION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings as- sociation, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasona- bly estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: DAVID G. FARIA, AN UNMARRIED MAN Duly Appointed Trustee: GOLDEN WEST SAVINGS ASSOCIATION SERVICE CO., A CALIFORNIA CORPO- RATION Recorded 04/14/1999 as Instrument No. 99-0011307-00 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California, Date of Sale:02/19/2003 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL, 1350 HALYARD DRIVE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $64,338.32 Street Address or other common designation of real property is purported to be.: 1233 ANNA STREET WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 A.P.N.: 014-323-18-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designa- tion, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publi- cation of this Notice of Sale. Date: January 14, 2003 AGENCY SALES AND POSTING As agent for GOLDEN WEST SAVINGS ASSOCIATION SERVICE CO., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION 8801 FOLSOM BLVD, SUITE 230 SACRAMENTO, CA 95826 Telephone Number: (800) 840-8547 Sale Status Line: (916) 387-7728 Nett Sanders, Assistant Secretary ASAP517424 01/29, 02/05, 02/12

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Cingular Wireless Conditional Use Permit No. 02-11 in the City of West Sacramento at 1100 Triangle Court. This Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of construction and operation of a Personal Communications System (PCS) consisting of a 53-foot high monopole with six flush mounted panel antennas and two future microwave antennas. The facility would be contained within a 15 foot by 20-foot lease area at the northwest corner of the subject property. The lease area with related equipment cabinets would be enclosed with a chain link fence with wood slats.

The Negative Declaration concludes that there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment. Copies of the Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916-617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may submit comments to the Community Development Department no later than February 17, 2003. Any affected or interested parties may also appear at the February 20, 2003 Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Negative Declaration on February 20, 2003 in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Jan 29

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address of the Sellers are: DAVID COSTELLO and SANDRA LEE COSTELLO, 2125 W. Capitol Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691, Doing Business as: Silver Spur.

All other business names and addresses used by the Seller within the past three years, as stated by the Sellers, are: NONE.

The names and address of the Buyer are: ROBERT ALFONSO VILLARREAL and NATALIYA KLEPACH, 2125 W. CAPITOL AVE., WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691.

The assets being sold are generally described as: Fixtures and Equipment, Goodwill, Covenant Not to Compete, Leasehold Improvements, Inventory and are located at 2125 W. Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691.

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: Fidelity National Title Company, 2180 Harvard Street, Suite 310, Sacramento, CA 95815 and the anticipated sale date is February 18, 2003.

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: Fidelity National Title Company, 2180 Harvard Street, Suite 310, Sacramento, CA 95815 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be February 14, 2003, which is the business day before the sale date is specified above.

Dated: 1/24/03

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BY: /s/M. Bennett, Escrow Agent

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Jan 29

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 22, 2003
File No. 2003-70

The following person is doing business as Vent Wizard, 868 Fordham Drive, Woodland CA 95695.

Larry Bland and Judi Bland, 868 Fordham Drive, Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 4, 2000. Previous fictitious business name number 2000-613.

/s/Larry Bland
/s/Judi Bland

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan. 22, 2003
by: /s/Cruz Nevarez-Ortiz, Dep. Clerk

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NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE 2002 WST SACRAMENTO HOUSING ELEMENT

A Negative Declaration has been prepared on the City of West Sacramento's 2002 Housing Element Update. This Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of the housing activities in the 2002 Housing Element. The Negative Declaration concludes that there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, Second Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the February 20, 2003, Planning Commission or the March 5, 2003 City Council meeting and comment on the Negative Declaration.

The West Sacramento City Council will consider adoption of the Negative Declaration on March 5, 2003, in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Jan. 22 & 29

NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for Lake Washington Boulevard At Grade Railroad Crossing in West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of an at grade railroad crossing along the Yolo Shortline track between Linden Road and Gateway Drive. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment as a result of the proposed project.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645).

The West Sacramento City Council will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on February 19, 2003, in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA, 95691 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Any affected or interested parties may appear at the February 19, 2003, City Council meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

Jan 22

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on February 5, 2003 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held at city hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. To consider approval of Resolution 03-04 Authorizing the Mayor to submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant application in the amount of $500,000 to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development for the payment of sewer assessment charges for eligible homeowners in the Arlington Oaks Sewer Installation Project.

2. The close-out of CDBG Grant #01-STBG-1624, a Planning and Technical Assistance grant used to conduct a Housing Condition Survey.

The maximum amount of funds the City may apply for under the General Allocation is $500,000 in any one-year application.

The results of the Housing Condition Survey will be summarized at the hearing and are available at the office listed below. The survey area included the area north of the Port of Sacramento. Single-family and multi-family properties were evaluated to assess the housing conditions of the survey area. The results of the survey were incorporated into the Draft Housing Element submitted for HCD review and approval.

Persons unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments to the attention of: Tina Gontarski, Director of Grants and Community Investment, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 or by e-mail gci@ci.west-sacramento.ca.us. In addition, a public information file containing State requirements and all information regarding this application can be examined at the above location between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday.

Jan 22

NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT OF WAREHOUSEMAN'S LIEN

The mobilehome located at 603 GLIDE AVENUE, SPACE #8, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 within Trails End Mobile Estates ("Community") and more particularly described as a Year: 1962, Make: VCROY BTM, License Number: AB9606 is subject to a warehouseman's lien pursuant to Civil Code §798.56a. This lien is hereby being enforced and the mobilehome may not be removed from the Community until the lien is cured. This lien is based on the tenancy of Valerie Arthurs, who was a tenant of the subject mobilehome. Request has been made to the registered owners, legal owners, and/or lienholders to pay the lien, yet no payment has been made.

The total amount of the lien through December 5, 2002 is $3505.74. Said amount increases on a daily basis at the rate of $16.67 per day plus actual utilities consumed. THE MOBILEHOME WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION UNDER THE FOLLOWING TERMS: Date: **February 7, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., at 603 Glide Avenue, Space #8, West Sacramento, CA 95691.** Sale to the highest bidder. If you intend to bid at the sale, please contact Attorney Tamara Cross for the minimum bid (619) 296-0567 at least two days prior to sale date. Please note: In order for you to be permitted to bid at the sale, you must be in possession of cash or a cashier's check equal to at least the minimum opening bid.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 02-LH2606-A APN No. 045-442-37-1 You are in default under a Notice of Delinquent Assessment dated 7/25/2002. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer. On 2/12/2003 at 12:00 PM, Allied Trustee Services, Inc. As the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 8/2/2002 as Document No. 2002-0031922-00 Book – Page – of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, property owned by: Michael A Perez will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) at: At the main entrance to the City Hall, 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, California all right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, describing the land therein: A.P.N. No. 045-442-37-1 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2477 Lagoon Lane West Sacramento, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: $3,235.00 Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale The claimant, Touchstone Estates Homeowners Association under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: December 31, 2002 Allied Trustee Services, Inc, 2270 Douglas Boulevard, #112, Roseville, California 95661 For Sales Information Please Call 916-387-7728 Lisa D. Hodgson, Trustee's Sale Officer ASAP516970 01/22, 01/29, 02/05

OBITUARIES from page two

ramento on January 25, 2002 at the age of 72. He was the beloved husband of the late Nadine Zatica; the loving father of Loretta (Perry) Bonilla and Rena Zatica; the dear brother of Louie (Lula Mae) Zatica, Rufina Aguirre, Angelo Groso, Juanita Morace and Josephine and Carmen Farias; the devoted grandfather of Phyleen Bonilla; and the beloved companion of Maria "Mitzi" Tiderencel. He was preceded in death by brothers Ernest and Charlie Groso and by sister Mary Ann Cardinal.

Richard was a native of Gardnerville, Nevada, and a 47-year resident of West Sacramento.

Friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial to be offered January 29, 2003 at 10 a.m. in the Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1321 Anna Street in West Sacramento. Recitation of the Rosary will be on January 28th at 7 p.m. in the River Cities Funeral Chapel. Visitation will also be on January 28th from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are preferred to Holy Cross School.

Freeman R. Lloyd

Freeman Lloyd passed away in his sleep at home in Oroville, California on January 22, 2003. He was a former resident of West Sacramento for many years.

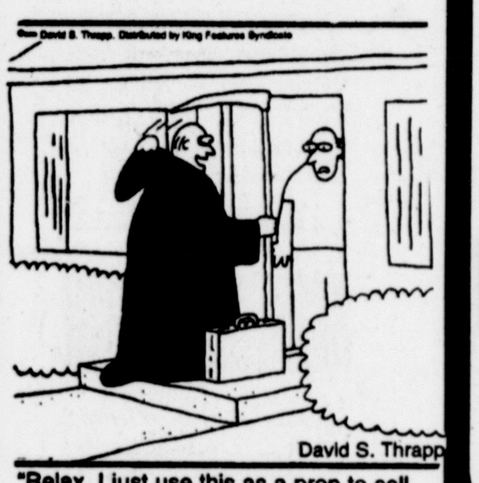
Freeman was born in Aurora, Missouri on September 24, 1923. He was a hard working man who took great pride in the many years he spent in the sand/gravel business, operating oil rigs, managing a gas station/store and driving a taxi cab for Gilmore Taxi in Yuba City. He was known for having the cleanest cab in town.

Freeman was the beloved husband of 33 years to Norma; the loving father of Tommie (Carole) Lloyd, Johnnie Lloyd, Rowena Hutchings, Annette (Guy) Shaw, Fred Mulkey Jr., and Ronnie Mulkey; the devoted grandfather of Ashley and Christopher Walker, Jah Lloyd (Erin), and Cody Mulkey; and the devoted great-grandfather of Tommie. He was also a wonderful friend to Dave Gross, James Little, Eileen Horgan and Cathy Humphrey.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Oroville Funeral Home.

Schools honor attendance

The principal and staff of Yolo High School and Opportunity School recently announced that the following students have received Student Recognition Awards for 90% attendance, good academic progress and excellent student behavior: Anthony Coleman, Terry Dustin, Roger Elliott, Anita Ibarra, Earnestine Johnson, David Kirlis, Erika Macias, Marques Murrey, Samuel Valentine, Dustin Welch and Jeremiah Wigner.



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Filed Jan. 14, 2003
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The following person is doing business as Sierra Auto Dismantler, 3020-3040 Duluth St. #25/26, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Sergey Krichun, 5292 Thomasino Way, Antelope CA 95843; Yan Kislitsa, 5537 Redwood Burl, Antelope CA 95843.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/14/03.

/s/Sergey Krichun, Yan Kislitsa

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan. 14, 2003
by: /s/Kim Weisenburg, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 10, 2003
File No. 2003-33

The following person is doing business as Association Data Services, 4210 Almond Lane, Davis CA 95616:

Fred C. Lake, same address.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 5, 2002.

/s/Fred C. Lake

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State of California
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Freddie Oakley, County Clerk
Date: Jan 10, 2003
by: /s/Josie Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Jan. 8, 2003
File No. 2003-024

The following person is doing business as Vinyl Repair, 3299 Aruba St., W. Sacramento CA 95691.

Dan Hays, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/21/02.

/s/Dan Hays

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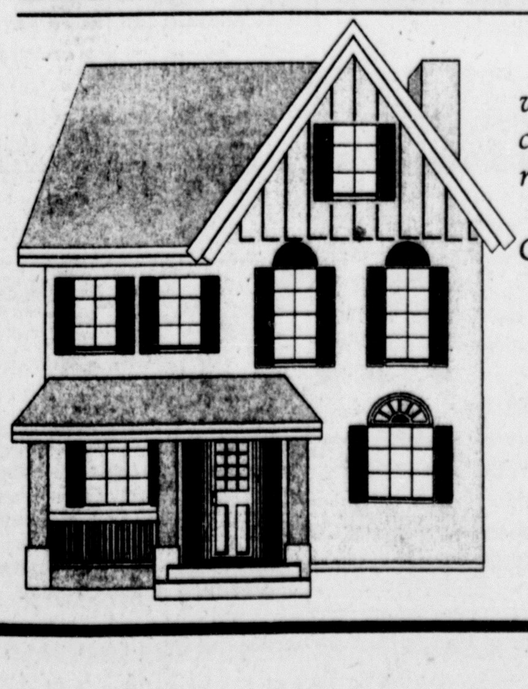

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 16, 2003
File No. 2003-51

The following person is doing business as Win Win Marketing, 501 Maple St., W. Sac. CA 95691:

Joseph C. Bigornia, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/16/03.

/s/Joseph C. Bigornia

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan.16, 2003
by: /s/Cruz Nevarez-Ortiz, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 9, 2003
File No. 2003-31

The following person is doing business as Thompson's Hearth, Heating & Air Conditioning; Thompson's Heating & Air Conditioning; 1580 Case Pl., Suite C, Woodland CA 95776:

Thompson's, Inc., P.O. Box 1627, Woodland CA 95776.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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/s/Toni Thompson

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County of Yolo
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Date: Jan. 9, 2003
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
PT01-1409

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner filed a petition for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: Monico Dovalina. Proposed name: Monico Robert Castro.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Feb. 19, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7, Yolo Co. Superior Court, 725 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: News-Ledger.

Date: 1/13/03

/s/Judge of the Superior Court

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 31, 2002
File No. 2002-1032

The following person is doing business as Vitality for Life (Pam Wilson), 443 First St., Woodland CA 95776:

Pam Wilson, c/o Makoto Kai, Healing Arts Center, 443 First St., Woodland CA 95776.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 31, 2002.

/s/Pam Wilson

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Dec. 31, 2002
by: /s/Cruz Nevarez-Ortiz, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 10, 2003
File No. 2003-32

The following person is doing business as Innovative Ag Systems, 34623 Paintridge Rd., Woodland CA 95695:

Charles C. Huxsoll, 192 Calle La Mesa, Moraga, CA 94566.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/10/03.

/s/Charles C. Huxsoll

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State of California
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Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Jan 10, 2003
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 24, 2002
File No. 2002-1021

The following person is doing business as Interstone, Inc., 6301 Skycreek Dr. #400, Sacramento CA 95828:

Interstone, Inc.; 6301 Skycreek Dr. #400, Sacramento, CA 95828.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 21, 2002.

/s/Mike Simonelli

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State of California
County of Yolo
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Date: Dec. 24, 2002
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 17, 2002
File No. 2002-1007

The following person is doing business as The Works, 1940 Delaware Ave., W. Sacto. CA 95691:

Danette Liffring, same address.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-15-98. Previous fictitious business name number 97-779.

/s/Danette Liffring

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Date: Dec. 17, 2002
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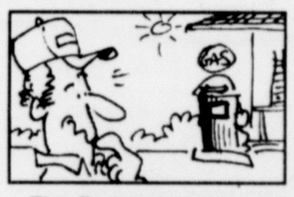

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First Southern Baptist Church Pastor Michael Root Sun. School 9:30am Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	**Southport Community Church** James Allerton, Pastor 2568 Industrial Blvd. Elem. School 9:30 a.m. Children's Programs Wkly Small Grp Bible Study Great Music www.southportcommunity.com 372-7818	**Westside Covenant Church** 371-3933 Meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Westfield Village Elementary School 508 Poplar Ave. West Sacramento
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30am Weekdays 7am No Mass on Thursday	**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** Bishop Ray Jackson ■ 2667 Linden Rd 10am Sacrament Meeting 11:20am Sunday School 12:10pm Priesthood/Relief Society PUBLIC WELCOME! 373-1801	**River of Life Community Church** Pastor Dave Losey 3605 Gregory Ave. 10 a.m. Worship Children's Programs Youth 6 p.m. www.intheriver.com 371-6706

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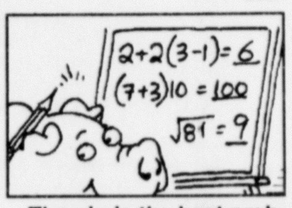

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Inside: R.C. teenage marriages

Updates and Briefs

2001/2002 Yearbook Places Second in National Contest

Moving up from their previous third place rating, River City's 2001/2002 "Reflections" yearbook received a second place rating in the national American Scholastic Press Association contest. River City earned a total of 835/1000 points, which was 15 points away from a first place finish. Ratings are based on categories such as: creativity, writing, photo quality, and page layout. Three hundred and one high schools participated in the contest, and thousands of other schools (besides senior high schools) also entered the annual competition.

By Christina Soto
Opinions Editor

Fights Update

While the 2002 school year ended with even more fights than in September and November, there have been no fights in January as of press time. As reported by the *Review* last month, there were 69 fights from September through November. By the end of December there had been 19 additional fights involving 18 students, which was more than September and November combined. The Vice Principals' secretary Monika Frank attributed this decline to the fact that many of the frequent fighters were transferred to Yolo High School at the beginning of the year.

By Amanda Bautz
Staff Writer

Winter Break Improvements

This year when R.C. students returned from winter break, a half-painted school greeted them. Half of the walls were white and half were still blue. The crews will be painting the lower half tan but did not have time to complete them during break.

The painting was unexpected because this improvement was part of the proposed work but was scheduled for later in the year. The crew decided to paint the school sooner than the scheduled date and all of the remaining painting will be completed on weekends and holidays.

Another improvement that was completed was an extension on the waiting area for the snack bar that cost about $5,000. However, the extension was completed to the wrong specifications and the maintenance crew is trying to decide on the correct length of the extension before extending it further. The crews also eliminated the dirt/mud areas at the bus-loading lane.

The only other improvement was the replacement of the cracked, uneven pavement in the lunch areas that cost about $15,000. The construction crew did a little of the immediate work on this and the rest will be completed this summer.

By Daniel Wilson
News Editor

Ms. DeCorse leads a 7:30 meeting at the R.C. flagpole during the teachers' Work to Rule in January.

Raising the Stakes

Did Work to Rule make a difference?

By Daniel Wilson
News Editor

The teachers of W.U.S.D. are still at war with the School Board over the teacher raises issue. This month the teachers of R.C. elected to go to "Work to Rule." The Work to Rule process lasted from January 6 to January 24, at R.C. The other schools of W.U.S.D. also participated in the "Work to Rule" process, but they did it from January 13 to January 24 because of their extended winter break.

"Work to Rule" means that participating teachers did not do anything outside of their specified contracts. Teachers were to limit their workday to 20 minutes before and 15 minutes after school, suspend voluntary and/or hourly paid responsibilities for the time period, and rescheduled various meetings.

The teachers union, W.T.A., is seeking a Cost of Living pay raise from funds held in the district's General Reserve and lottery funds accounts. They have not received a cost-of-living increase for the past two years.

When asked if any changes had to be made in his classes Mr. Leffler said, "I'm more stressed! In my classroom, there was not a lot of change, except that the students are doing more book work." He also stated that he has taken a lot of short cuts because normally he gets to school at about 6:30 a.m. but now that he cannot arrive that early his preparation time has been cut drastically.

Another participating teacher, Ms. Higgins said, "The work is piling up on my desk. Some of the work I can't do at home; I need to be logged into the computer to do it."

While most teachers seemed to be following Work to Rule, Mr. Podesta, a teacher in his first year here at R.C., opted to keep his study hall open before and after school as usual.

"I don't feel that Work to Rule is an appropriate subject for the school newspaper," he said when asked to comment on the issue.

Some students, like sophomore, Dan Santiago noticed a difference this past month. "I get to school kind of early and go to my first period classroom but with Work to Rule it seems like my teacher is always too busy to let me in."

School Board member Irene Eklund said that there will be a meeting February 11 to discuss the next step and the budget.

"I'm a little saddened about it because I think it puts the students in the middle of a situation that should be between the teachers and the district," she said.

Ms. McMahen, a negotiator with W.T.A., stated that the next step for the teachers is to work with a Crisis Committee to decide what actions to take next. The union maintains the over $44 million in the district's general funds account is more than enough to cover the raises.

When asked if it realistic to think that raises would come due to governor Gray Davis' recent budget cuts, Ms. McMahen answered, "The money for raises was received last year (from the state) but the teachers never received any raises."

Splitting the Cell

The new law on cell phones meets students' demands halfway.

By Amanda Bautz &
Sylamphay Keomeuangsong
Staff Writer

As of January 1, 2003, a new law came into effect that allows California school districts to decide whether or not cell phones will be allowed on campus.

Cell phones were first banned in 1988 to help stop drug sales at California schools. The state legislature began to rethink this law because of safety issues and noted that they can help in emergencies the shootings at Columbine High School.

"In an emergency, a cell phone will often be the closest phone to use to dial 911... students with cell phones made the first and most helpful reports at Columbine high school..." said Senator Liz Figueroa when she introduced her new bill to the state legislature.

R.C. principal, Mr. Geivett believes that even more routine situations could be dangerous and avoided with a cell phone. "If a game ends early, we don't want students sitting outside the school or walking home. It's not safe," said Geivett.

The Washington Unified School Board will meet soon to decide on this issue. The most probable scenario is that phones will be allowed but only if they are turned off during school hours. Geivett said this is the policy that he would support. "We don't want 1,700 people talking on their cell phones during every five minute passing period," said Geivett.

Not surprisingly, River City students already carry cell phones now and support openly allowing them on campus. Junior Bobby McCoy said, "I think we should have them."

Love them or hate them, cell phones are here to stay. Hopefully now, they won't get heir owners in trouble.

Seniors who may not walk

Over a third of the class are in jeopardy of not graduating

By Sylamphay Keomeuangsong and Ashley Coulombe, Staff Writers

According to school records, 40% of all R.C. seniors are currently not on track to graduate this June. That is a total of 131 seniors of the 330 in the class.

The students are not scheduled to graduate because they have not completed their community service requirements, are credit deficient, or have not passed one or more of their proficiency tests. An estimated 80% of the students who have not passed their proficiencies are current or former ESL students, according to Ms. Leifson. These number do not include students who are missing credits for core subject areas like English and math, and students who passed the last round of writing proficiency tests, which were not graded as of presstime. These statistics also also do not include special education students.

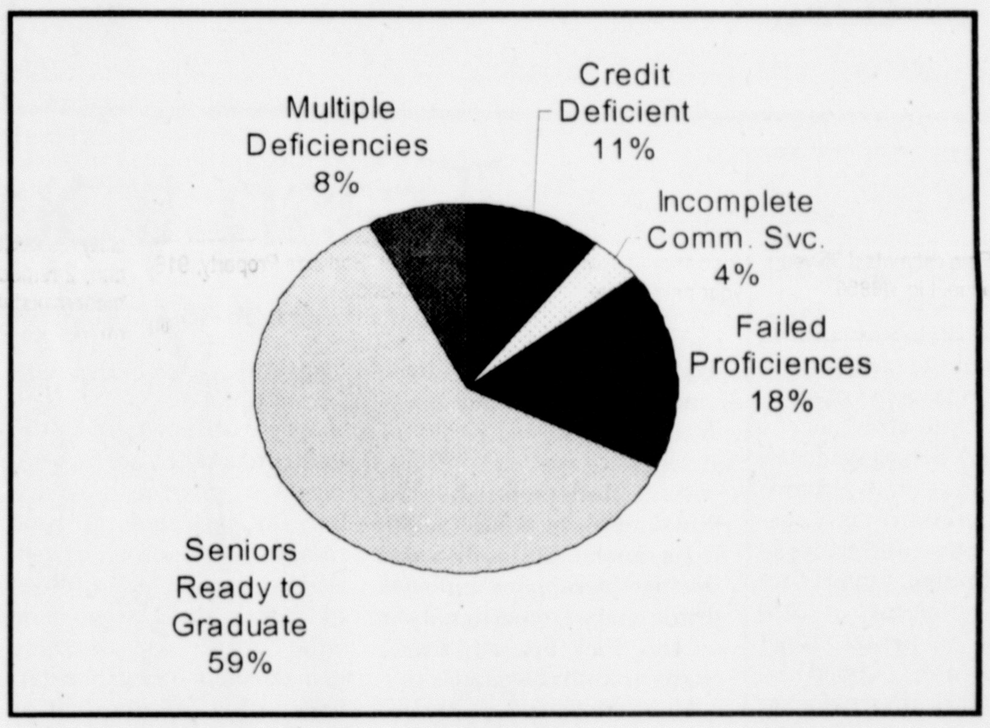
Head Counselor, Ms. Tyler explains that, "From the beginning of the year, all of our seniors have been aware of their requirements for the year to graduate." The counselors sent all seniors a personalized letter and many also met with their seniors to inform them of their graduation requirements and those that were not yet met.

"I think there is too much pressure on the proficiency testing, I feel like it's a life and death situation," said senior Crystal Snow. Other students are not as concerned. "I feel I will pass my last proficiency. If I don't, I have two more chances and I know I can do it," says Larayna Zuzon.

Some seniors have passed all of the proficiency tests but will not earn the 220 credits they need for graduation. "I don't have enough credits to graduate, but I am doing a lot better than my junior year. I hope to graduate with the class of 2003 and not 2004," stated Ramon Gutierrez. Still other students have not completed their community service requirements.

To help overcome the deficiencies, R.C. counselors say that students have several options. Students may add extra classes to their schedules, enroll in Cyber High for up to five credits a semester, earn ten units at night school, or possibly transfer to Yolo High School. To participate in these alternative programs, counselor must approve them. Proficiency testing will continue next semester to provide seniors two more chances to pass them, with proficiency classes and tutoring available to help students, and community service can be made up until later this year.

Seniors who are deficient in an area are now in a time crunch. At the end of first semester, counselors sent any seniors in jeopardy of not graduating a certified letter warning them of their status. The counselors also call many of the seniors personally and advised them. Ms. Tyler notes that, "If students don't pay attention now they will not be able to walk across stage."



In-school Suspensions

Students will stay at school when they are suspended

By Daniel Wilson and
Amanda Bautz
News Editor and Staff Writer

As you may have heard, the River City administration has decided to institute an in-school suspension program (I.S.S.). I.S.S is an alternative to punishments such as home suspensions and after-school detentions. The program was to begin in January, but has been delayed because of the "Work to Rule" situation.

The main reason for this new punishment is to keep students out of the office. Principal Geivett said, "It will hopefully eliminate some of the students who are always hanging out in the office. There is usually a lot of excitement in the office and students are not really being punished when teachers send them there."

Another reason for this new form of punishment is that every time the school sends a student home, the school loses government attendance funds. Also, by sending students who are behavioral problems in class to a place that is more isolated, the students are less disruptive to the office, other students, and, of course, teachers.

I.S.S. will last anywhere from one period to all day and it will be held in Room 11. I.S.S will usually be an alternative for teachers to sending students to the office or giving them trash duty. Also the students will actually be doing schoolwork instead of sitting around talking, as they currently do in the office.

Mr. Geivett said that the administration is aiming to make a strict disciplinary environment for the students. He said that students will have to sit in a quiet room and focus on doing work for the class that they were sent out of. "We don't want to give students an idea like, 'I would rather be in I.S.S. that in my regular math class.' We want them not to want to go to I.S.S. It is not a fun environment," he said.

When asked if he felt if I.S.S. would help improve the behavior of River City students, Mr. Geivett said, "I think it will. By putting students in an environment that they do not find fun, students will hopefully try harder to be on their best behavior so that they can continue to be in their class."

Most students who were asked for their opinions on the program gave positive responses. Junior Chelsea Farnworth responded, "I think that it is much more useful than regular suspension. With I.S.S., students still have to be at school instead of being at home doing whatever they want."

Sophomore D.J. Butler said, "I think that it is absolutely a great idea because when kids stay home, they just sit on their butts instead of working."

However, some students disagreed with the program. Senior Michel Gardner said, "It makes no sense because it takes you out of classroom learning."

Many teachers agreed with the idea of the program, but noted one big problem with it: staffing. The program was scheduled to have begun in January, staffed by teachers willing to work and receive extra payment for it during their regular prep periods.

But with the Work to Rule situation in January, Mr. Geivett realized the program might be delayed. "That might be a problem and if teachers do not want to do it then I'll have to go to plan B and go to a classified employee or a substitute teacher," he said

In fact, I.S.S. did not begin in January, although Mr. Geivett hopes to start it in February. During the January staff meeting he announced he would be distributing a memo to determine which teachers would be willing to staff I.S.S. To date, the memos have not been circulated and staffing needs have not yet been met.

When students can no longert stay home and do nothing while they are suspended, perhaps the number of failing grades will drop at River City and behavior will become less of a problem.

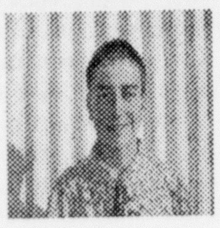
Opinions

Question in the Quad

Should we have a longer winter break, but a shorter summer?

Next year, River City will join the othern schools in the district by changing to a modified traditional schadule. Summer vacation wiil be shorter, but winter break will be three weeks instead of two.

" I think we deserve to have a longer break. We have little brothers and sisters who get out earlier than us. It would be better to have the same vacation as they do. We work hard to get good grades and keep our grades up. It isn't fair that we don't get a longer break to clear our minds and chill out for a while."
- Jessica Rios, Freshmen



" Yes, we should have a longer vacation because it's the time of year to spend with our families and friends. It's about having fun and receiving presents. We want our rest and sleep. It's unfair because others get three weeks off and we only got two weeks.
- D.J. West, Sophomore

" Yes, we will have more time to sleep. Then you can go and visit your relatives or friends that live in other states. This is Christmas; you're going to have to spend time with your friends and families. This is the longest break of the year. Maybe three weeks would work, because two weeks is too short.
- Julie Karpekin, Junior

" No, because they are going to cut our summer vacation even shorter. I want to learn more instead of staying home and doing nothing. We'll probably forget everything that we've learned, and when we come back, we're going to take the finals and I want to remember everything that I've learned.
- Mouveen Kumar, Senior

Amanda Bautz

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Trash troubles

Garbage on campus continues to build.

By Amanda Floriano. Christina Soto, and Tammy Ma
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As a student finishes his lunch of pizza, candy, and a soda, he thoughtlessly tosses his used wrappers and soda bottle on the ground despite all of the "Pick up your trash" signs around the quad.

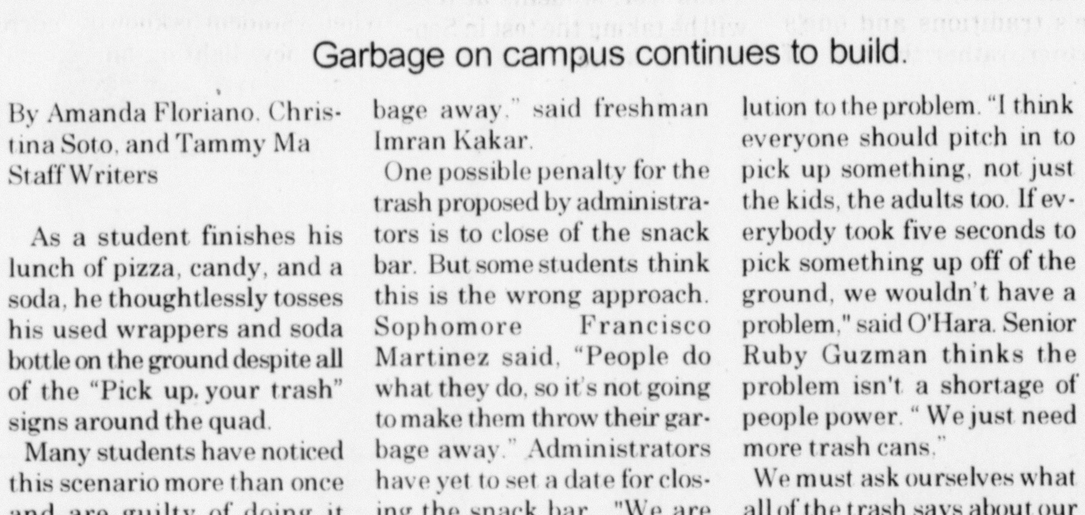
Many students have noticed this scenario more than once and are guilty of doing it themselves.

"It is easier to just throw my garbage on the ground than to walk around and find a garbage can," said senior Arthur Tucker. Such carelessness is beginning to cause big problems around River City. Although students are encouraged to keep the campus clean, the problem is only getting worse. " We students are just too lazy to throw our garbage away," said freshman Imran Kakar.

One possible penalty for the trash proposed by administrators is to close of the snack bar. But some students think this is the wrong approach. Sophomore Francisco Martinez said, "People do what they do, so it's not going to make them throw their garbage away." Administrators have yet to set a date for closing the snack bar. "We are working on it, but it honestly looks like it won't happen," said Mr. Geivett, noting the number of students who get their lunch from the building.

River City students and staff have other opinions about how to keep our school clean. Junior Michael Tran said, "The students that litter should get trash duty." Campus supervisor Calvin O'Hara made a good point when offering a solution to the problem. "I think everyone should pitch in to pick up something, not just the kids, the adults too. If everybody took five seconds to pick something up off of the ground, we wouldn't have a problem," said O'Hara. Senior Ruby Guzman thinks the problem isn't a shortage of people power. " We just need more trash cans."

We must ask ourselves what all of the trash says about our school and us. It is the responsibility of the students and staff to keep River City clean, and it would be wrong to say that we are doing a good job. There is no one right way to solve the amount of trash that is building up on campus, and it is time for everyone to take it upon themselves to keep the campus neat and clean, and to get rid of the trash troubles at River City.



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Chris Miller, Jen McMann, Cory Hall and Shawn Oswalt sit around trash left behind by first lunch.

What should we do about the trash problem?

Here are some opinions from some of the *Review* Staff:

~ Provide more trash cans

~ Reward the lunch that picks up the most trash

~ Punish people who get caught

~ Provide recycling bins for plastic bottles

~ Pick up trash even if it isn't yours

~ Teachers and administrators should take time to pick up the trash too

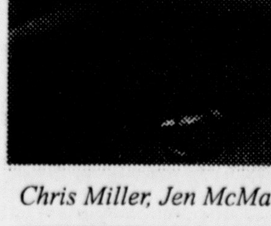
~ Take the situation more seriously and make students realize they need to respect the campus

How long does it take for you to get ready for a dance?

(Poll was conducted among 93 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students during the week of January 6th.)

One Hour:	**44%**
Two Hours:	**18%**
Three Hours:	**5%**
Four Hours:	**4%**
I don't go to dances:	**28%**

*** Due to rounding, results do not total to 100%**



Happy Valentine's Day
From The Review Staff

The Valentine's Day dance will be held on February 14, 2003 in the R.C.H.S. Cafeteria. Bring your sweethearts or ask your crushes and confess your undying love for them.

Features

Teens tied to tradition

Marriage among R.C. students

Rakesh Sharma (21) and Rakeshni Devi (19) get married in Fiji. Rakesh is the sister-in-law of an R.C. student.

By Shalini Sumeshwar
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Luscious red marigolds encompass an exuberantly decorated platform. A roomful of bright faces surround the man and woman where all of the attention is focused. The occasion is a traditional Indian wedding; the bride is draped in a red sari, embedded with glistening golden embroidery. Her hands, intricately tattooed with henna, sit patiently as the Pundit recites the marriage rites. Her future-husband sits beside her. Both their faces glow before the ritual fire they sit facing as the culmination of the ceremony approaches. Rice and flowers are tossed to wish good luck as the couple rises to make their bond sacred through tracing a circlet around the fire. As the bride raises her veil she reveals eyes filled with innocence; the innocence of a child. She is only 17.

High school is a time when most students are working to plan their futures. It should be a time when teenagers can explore and discover their skills and abilities. Yet who is to say whether they should do this alone, or with a life partner?

The bride described above, a former R.C. student we will call "Dulhan," is Indian, one of many cultures in which arranged marriages are traditional. She left River City soon after she was wedded, but did the groom take away a woman or a girl?

As Dulhan explained, "Arranged marriages are a tradition. My parents found someone suitable for me, so they quickly finalized the marriage." These marriages are still occurring right here at River City.

All the students interviewed for this article wished to stay anonymous due to privacy issues. One anonymous junior is engaged to be married this summer. She is from Pakistan, and says, "This is a part of my culture, and I am proud to uphold my traditions." Her parents introduced them, and the two have kept in touch through phone, e-mail, and occasional family gatherings. How can a 16-year-old girl be prepared for marriage? The junior replies, "It doesn't matter about my age. This is my chance to have eternal support while living in America."

Another engaged female had similar reasons for agreeing to marriage. A senior, her marriage is scheduled for this summer, "In America we [our culture] need to survive, and it's easier to ensure someone to have to lean on."

Despite these confident statements, it seems that many of the arranged marriages occurring on campus today are being agreed to out of fear. America may have intimidated some of its young foreigners into thinking that they will not be able to succeed without help. Yet is marriage really the answer?

"High school students are not yet mature enough to make a big decision like this (marriage). People need the opportunity to grow up and be complete themselves before they take on the responsibility of a family," commented math teacher Mr. Coffin, in a statement typical of many of the opinions of R.C. teachers.

Some students agree with his view. Sophomore Nakhter Ahad exclaimed, "There are so many opportunities to take advantage of when we're young, why throw that all away by getting married?!"

A darker side to the issue is the future of these unions. The National Center for Health Statistics released figures last year showing that nearly half of all marriages, in which the bride is 18 years of age or younger, end in separation or divorce within ten years. Dulhan became one of these statistics after divorcing her husband soon after she turned 21. She later remarried and finished school. "Getting arranged so young was a big mistake; it forced me to stop growing."

Research by Tim Heaton at the Center for Studies of the Family suggests that "teenagers are much less stable and successful in marriage on average compared to first marriages on average with people in their twenties." These statistics are based on voluntary marriages conceived out of love; imagine the statistics of arranged marriages.

Early and arranged marriages are most prevalent in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. R.C. Librarian Mrs. Singal had a "semi-arranged" marriage before she left India at the age of 24. Her marriage has lasted a joyous 26 years. Yet when asked if her experience made her favor arranged marriages, she replied, "Actually, it depends on the society you are brought up in. For first generation children, of all cultures, a median should be reached on this matter," Singal said.

Electronics teacher Mrs. Alavi, who was born in India, supports arranged marriages "About 80% of the marriages in my family have been arranged, and they have been successful," she said. "Marriage at such a young age depends on the situation of the kids; if there is a pregnancy, then support is needed."

An anonymous freshman, who is Asian and the mother of a seven-month old baby does not agree. "I live with my parents, and my boyfriend who is also the father of my baby, but I don't need marriage to support me." Although she does plan to marry her boyfriend after high school, she still has very strong feelings towards education. "I want to finish school, and make a life for myself and my baby before I worry about a husband."

Many other R.C. students are in agreement with her. "School should come before marriage. I'm Mexican and I have always been taught that education should come before marriage. But I also think if you really love someone and are prepared for marriage, then why not get married?"

Freshman Shelly Saetern explained that in her Asian, Iu-mien tradition, "For us marriages are good only after high school. It is not really based on age, but on being able to support a family. The groom's side is expected to give money to the bride's family." Sophomore Fae Saelee explained, "In our Asian culture, marriages are voluntarily done. Arranged marriages don't occur anymore. However, before you get married you have to get approval from both parents. Back then, you got married at 15 and older, but now our parents are not as strict with that tradition."

It seems that many of the cultures in which arranged marriages were common are beginning to adapt to the society into which they have emigrated. Many families are putting aside wedding bands, to encourage students to receive diplomas.

Given this trend, it is still hard to believe that some females at River City still feel that marriage is the only way for them to succeed in this country. It is surprising to think that the opportunities and education offered here do not give students the confidence to stand on their own feet.

However, some students like Dulhan still feel that they are following an important tradition, even if some fear is involved. Hopefully one day the choice of early marriage will be made solely out of love for one's traditions and one's partner, rather than out of fear. Clearly, the conflicts around teenage marriage are much more than, "kids who don't thing of the consequences"; they go deep into issues of love, fear, success, pride, family, and culture.

"I hope that one day, kids, particularly mine, will have the chance to educate themselves before having to think of marriage, but time will only tell if this will cause them to forget their culture," Dulhan said. Fears such as hers are shared by many first-generation families; yet perhaps some traditions need to adapt to changing times.

To test or not to test

Next exit exam will be given too late for students to learn of results before June test

By Ashley Coulombe & Sylamphay Keomeuangsong, Staff Writers

This year River City has decided to schedule the second round of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) in March, even though it would be more effective to have it earlier.

Education Code Section 60851(a) requires that beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, students in grade 12 must have passed the CAHSEE in order to receive a diploma from a public high school. California public high school districts are to provide their students with multiple opportunities to take the CAHSEE. The code also requires schools to offer the CAHSEE only on the administration dates designated by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The CAHSEE may be given up to three times in a school year, and this year the state superintendent recommended either July, November and March, or September, January and May test dates.

However, students at R.C. will be taking the test in September, March and May, a combination of both sets of dates. This means that when students take the test in March instead of January, the test results will not back in time for the May. Students who may have passed the test in March will have to take it in May, regardless of if they have passed or not.

This situation has many people wondering why the administration didn't schedule the second test in January, as specified by the state superintendent's office. Paul Johnson, the assistant superintendent who was responsible for the decision, did not return calls from the *Review*. "The state has given mixed messages about the testing dates," stated Ms. Broxton, the R.C.Vice principal in charge of administering the test. Ms. Broxton also said that the January finals schedule interfered with giving the exit exam in the same month.

"I don't think it's fair to take the test again if I already passed it," said sophomore Bobby Keomeuengsong.

R.C. "Brain Drain" groups prepare for their competitions

By Ashley Coulombe & Xai Vang, Staff writers

River City's Mock Trial and Academic Decathlon teams are gearing up for their up annual competitions in early February.

Academic Decathlon, led by Ms. Carlisle and Ms. Hines, has been practicing every day 7th period since September. They recently went and made speeches to the school board to help prepare for their upcoming competition. Their topics included: "How Americans Act," and "How Television Degrades the Mind". They will be competing against other high schools in the Sacramento area such as Davis and Woodland Highs Schools. Academic Decathlon is made up of 10 students, but only nine compete.

"Academic Decathlon is challenging, but the people are great." said junior Alexis Sanborn. Their competition will be on February 1.

This year Mock Trial is preparing for a case called, "The People v. Martin". It will take place at the Sacramento County Courthouse in downtown Sacramento. The practice round will be held on January 24 and the first two rounds are February 4th and 6th from 5:30-8:30 pm. The final round is February 8 from 8am-5pm. They will be competing against 26 other schools.

The 14-member Mock Trial team has been practicing since mid-October every Wednesday and Friday from 3-5pm in room 104. Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Collins, who is also an attorney, coach the team.

Last year's Mock Trial team did well. They had two wins and two losses, which were every close. Mr. O'Connor stated, "I expect this year's team to do well. They are experienced people."

R.C. student dies on freeway

By Christina Soto, Opinions Editor & Ivy Branaman, Senior Staff Writer

When a student is known for truancy, fighting and racing cars, you might think that he isn't going anywhere. Or you may take a more compassionate approach and conclude that everyone has their own issues that need to be worked out. Or you may be someone who simply loves this person as your brother or your friend. Roman Zvervev was one of these people.

On December 18, 2002, 17-year-old Roman, a junior at RC who was temporarily put on independent studies awaiting an expulsion hearing, was killed instantly on Highway 50 westbound west of 5th street, according to the California Highway Patrol.

A news broadcast informed R.C. secretary, Monika Frank that Roman's car broke down in the fast lane on the freeway and Roman was trying to push it out of the lane when he was hit and killed instantly. The emergency lights on the car, a borrowed S.U.V., were not turned on. "I always hate it when I lose my kids, that's what I call the students here, whether I know them or not," Monika Frank explained.

To the teachers and administrators who had worked with him, Roman was a young man who liked to keep to himself and he seemed to have a difficult life. His parents live in Uzbekistan, and he moved here to further his education, living with his uncle and his grandmother. "It seemed like they were always angry with him. They didn't seem like they were helping him with opportunities like education," alleged vice principal, Ms. Broxton. Ms. Broxton and other staff members participated in conferences with Roman and his relatives.

According to school records Roman started off well in January 2001, but was failing his classes by the end of last school year. In fact, school records confirm that he had many unexcused absences and that he was in a fight last year and one this year. The fight he was involved in this school year occurred at a bus stop where Roman broke another student's arm. He was arrested and spent time in juvenile hall. Roman was placed on independent studies awaiting the result of his expulsion hearing. But former R.C. Russian language teacher Ms. Cochrane, who knew Roman for a little more than two years, said he had plans for the future. "Roman planned to enroll in a program (outside of independent studies) that involved computer studies," she remarked.

Despite these plans, according to Ms. Leifson, the school's ESL coordinator, some R.C. students have speculated that Roman's death was not accidental. Some believe that Roman committed suicide due to his personal problems with school, at home, and the stress of his upcoming hearing. Ms. Broxton commented, "I was surprised at the suicide rumor. Knowing all the facts, I had thought that he was trying to get his life together." Roman's grandmother and uncle did not answer phone calls from the *Review*.

Ironically, Roman wrote about how he liked racing cars in a journal entry in class. Mr. Johnson, his teacher, remembered, "At the end of the entry, I wrote to him that I was into it, too, until one of my friends was killed [racing]. Things like that make you stop. I told him he wasn't invincible."

Roman's death may be troubling for some R.C. staff and students, because even if it was accidental, he was clearly a troubled, unhappy young man.

"Roman fit the profile of so many people I deal with, meaning he was an at-risk young man and truancy is often a symptom of other issues, commented Mr. McPherson, the outreach counselor assigned to Roman's case. "I hope that for all the young people you see struggling, you don't make the assumption that they're okay."

Whatever Roman was thinking in his final moments, a life full of promise and hope has been lost. He was a son, brother, and friend. Roman's best friend, Vova Lopuga simply stated, "I miss him."

Reading Counts

New computer program soon to be available to R.C. students

By Marlena Brookins
Staff Writer

Last summer, River City bought a new computer software program called Reading Counts, designed to help improve students' reading skills. Purchased from Scholastic, the computer software cost $3,000 and the new books needed for the program about $40,000.

To use the program, a student first takes a quiz, which tests their reading ability. When the computer evaluates the student's reading level, students choose from specially labeled books in the library at your reading level. When the student has finished reading the book, they go back on the computer, find the title of the book, and take a ten-question quiz on what they read. When students are given their score, they find out whether they went up a reading level or stayed at the same level. "It's just like Accelerated Reading. I had it in Golden State. It was nice," said Winnefred Veikune, a freshman. Accelerated Reading is a very similar program, but a different company sells it.

Most of the students in this school have no idea of what it is. "It is the lack of advertising," said Elizabeth Brokaw, a member of the library staff, noting how new the program still is. The librarians spent all of first semester sorting and labeling the books for the program. The program is installed in all classes that have computers, and teachers are getting trained to use it on February 5th and 6th.

With this new program, Ms. Singal, the head librarian, hopes that the circulation level will go even higher. Since October, when the books arrived, the checkout rate has doubled. With so many new books, there is more variety and new shelving had to be purchased to accommodate this increase in books. Reading Counts will be up and operational for students to use within two months in their classes, but the program's books are already available in the library for students to read.

"I hope our standardized test scores will go up in part because of this program, because we know that reading helps in all subjects," said Ms. Singal.

Sports & Activities

Parent involvement

Is it always a good thing?

By Heather Yip and Tara Shuster, Staff Writers

A shout, a roar in the stands. Who are the people that are normally at the games cheering and supporting River City's athletes? Some are students, but a large portion of athletic supporters are parents. Parental support is the side of adult involvement that is usually considered beneficial to athletics, but can some parent involvement be too much?

Coaches, as well as athletes, generally yearn for support for their teams. Most winter coaches who were interviewed stated that they want more parents and guardians cheering for their children and the team. The wrestling coach, Coach Acevedo, said that he has a great relationship with all his players and their parents. They support the team, go to the matches, and help videotape matches. "Parents at River City have been supportive a great big amount," Coach Acevedo proudly stated.

Parents often provide positive support by getting involved in transportation, parties, and keeping score of the games.

"When I was not able to drive, my mom would pick me up and drive other people on the team home," stated athlete Krystle Parkison.

Mrs. West, the school's registrar and a mom of three, says, that she supports athletic sports by going to their games, driving kids who need rides, and participating in fundraisers.

But not all parents can be as involved as others, and just because a parent isn't at a game doesn't mean they don't support the team or their child,

For example, Farm Saetern has two children who attend River City, and one is currently playing a sport. She says she can't go to the games is because she has to stay at home and watch her grandchildren. Ms. Saetern feels she does support her child when he comes home, by asking questions about the game, athletes, and what happened.

Junior Sou Hang Saetern says, "Speaking for myself, my parents do not go to games, but they are there to support me at home."

Junior Mykael Cheng explained, "Parents should still support their son or daughter on and off the court."

The support that teams receive is usually positive, but J.V. basketball Coach Dennis believes there are limits. Parents should be at the games cheering, he says, but not at practices. Sometimes parents may also get overly involved in a game, or only supportive of their own child. Coach Dennis understands that some parents are only concerned about their child, and not the rest of the team. Even worse, is when parents get actively involved during a game, coming onto the courtor verbally abusing the officials, as has happened to many coaches here at River City. Coach Dennis does not tolerate parents getting onto the court in the middle of the game because that is why there is a coach.

"Parents should just mind their own business," noted Kyle Fisher.

Coach Sidhu tried to explain the fine line between too much and too little involvement. "Parents need to let the coaches coach and the parents need to be supportive of their child being involved in something positive. It is the understanding of what it means to commit to something positive and the sacrifices you have to make that is important. It is about developing good citizens that will be our leaders of tomorrow. It's more important than our win-loss record!"

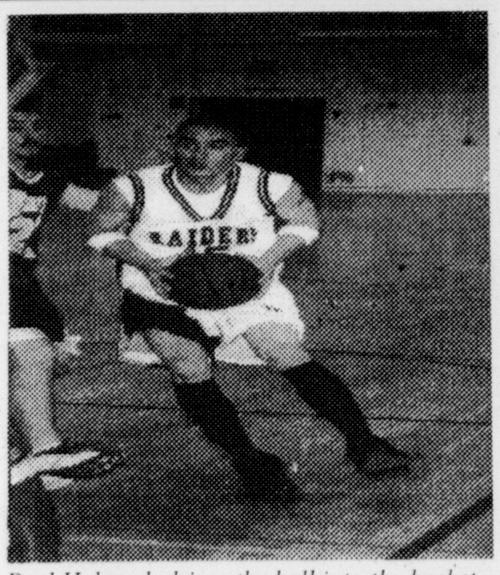
Coach West tries to avoid bad confrontations by defining the parent's role in his meeting. Coach West had a meeting on defining the roles between the parents and coaches. In yet a different way of approaching parents, Coach Seffens says he just lets them say what they need to get out.

Coach Dennis notes that even negative parent interactions have their positive sides to them. "Even if the confrontation was negative, it still comes out as positive because he stresses communication within his team."

Parent involvement can be an uncomfortable issue, but throughout all our interviews, parents, athletes, and coaches all had one thing in common: whether the situation be positive or negative, the degree of parent involvement still affects the team, coaches, and most importantly the athletes.

When parents can come to a game, they are participating in an important part of their kid's life.

J.V. player, Kenyone Earl said, "It's great to see parents involved because it shows that they are trying to support their child in their extra curricular activity and it plays a big part in their life."



Paul Holcomb drives the ball into the basket

Depth should help varsity basketball have a great season

By Manorma Umaria
Sports Editor

"Strength in numbers" is this year's varsity boy's basketball motto" despite the team's early season loss to Dixon.

The game started off with a strong effort from the boys, but as it progressed the team's offensive seemed to fall apart. The team excelled at hustling, yet their lay-ups weren't as strong as they could be.

"We were playing pretty good," said junior Aaron Turner, "and our team knows how to focus. We were getting prepared for a good season." CoachWest remains very optimistic about his team.

"The team's strength is their depth," Coach West explained, "having fourteen Varsity players means that most of them get to play, and players coming off the bench make more points and do a better job of rebounding." Most high schools only have their starters play during most of the game. "I feel comfortable having my bench players play," said Coach West.

This year's team has the potential to be unpredictable, because unlike other teams they do not have just one major strength. Most teams have a certain someone to watch out for, yet R.C. has a team full of strong players. Coach West says there are a number of good shooters on the team, including Sou Saetern, Paul Holcombe, A.J. Hunter, Mike Fonbuena, Aaron Turner, and Camron Hughes. There is therefore no particular player that is the lead scorer on the team.

Coach West said he hopes to improve in "rebounding and post players."

Depth seems to be the key to wins this season for R.C.'s varsity boys basketball team. If they can combine and improve their strengths, they could have an outstanding season.

"This years team has a lot of potential, we have a lot of good players," said junior Mykael Cheng, "

Sports updates

By Manorma Umaria
Sports Editor

FALL MVP's

Football

Varsity All Conference- Micheal DeMars, Jason DeMars, Tony Molina, and Sean Young.

Honorable Mentions - Ricky Bandhu, Justin Hunt, Jose Duran, Shaun Brown, David Maldonado, and Andy Harris.

Junior Varisty.-Zac Smith

Freshman-Jordan Coggins

Most Improved- Sergio Valdez

Boys Soccer

Varsity-Eric Snyder

Most Improved-Saeed Popal and Jacob Geivett

Volleyball

Varsity:-Amber Jones

Most Improved- Nika Novinsky and See Yang

J.V. .- None

Freshman-None

SCOREBOARD

(Season Totals)

Boys Basketball

Varsity -8-10

J.V. -5-9

Freshmen- 4-5

Girls Basketball

Varsity- 1-16

J.V. - 8-2

Wrestling: 0-5

Upcoming games:

Boys Basketball (F, JV, V):

1/31	R.C.@Dixon 4:00,5:30,7:00
2/4	Vanden@R.C. 4:00,5:30,7:00
2/11	R.C.@Highlands 4:00,5:30,7:00
2/13	R.C.@Rio Linda 4:00,5:30,7:00
2/20	Center @ R.C. 4:00, 5:30,7:00

Girls Basketball (JV/V):

1/30	Foothill@R.C. 5:30,7:00
2/5	R.C.@Vanden 5:30,7:00
2/7	Dixon @ R.C. 5:30,7:00
2/14	R.C.@Center 5:30,7:00
2/19	R.C.@Highlands 5:30,7:00

Wrestling:

1/6	R.C.@Highlands 6:00

If you wanna have fun in the sun, hit the slopes

"Butt shields" the latest trend in snowboarding safety

By Tiffany Pina and Sarah Liden, Staff Writers

What? Snowboarding in West Sacramento? Nope, no snow around here, but just because you live in West Sacramento doesn't mean that you can't go and catch some air on your snowboard.

The newest trend in snowboarding these days is safety equipment. Everybody knows about helmets, but have you tried a butt shield lately to protect your *glutus maximus*? Some other products to help you stay safe are helmets, hip pads, and of course, the snowboard itself. To get good deals on snowboarding and find out about the newest equipment go to www.Expedia.com.

Meanwhile, all the major mountain ski resorts now offer snowboard features as well as decent snow bases from the recent winter storms. Freshman Chris Stone believes that, "Alpine Meadows is the best because it has the best trick terrain park. It costs more then some places, but is worth it." Alpine Meadows features a 450-foot-long Gravity Cavity super pipe and a super dragon groomer.

Contact information for Alpine Meadows and other resorts are listed below:

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort- All day lift tickets that are $54.00 www.sugarbowl.com

_Northstar-at Tahoe-You can pick up a free voucher when you get a $57.00 adult lift ticket at most snow sport shops. www.skinorthstar.com. The lift tickets are $19-$57.

Alpine Meadows- Lift tickets are $56, www.skialpine.com.

_Kirkwood-Lift tickets are $54 www.Kirkwood.com.

Homewood Mountain Resort- The lift tickets are $25 (ages 62-up only $10.) To find out more about this resort you can go to www.Skihomewood.com.

_Heavenly Resort- Lift tickets are $54. For more information go to www.Heavenlyresort.com.

R.C. senior Sylamphay Keomeuangsong poses with her snowboard at nearby Boreal mountain resort.

Raising the bar

New varsity girls basketball coach plans to work the girls hard

By Tara Shuster
Staff Writer

After a difficult pre-season, the girls varsity basketball team is finally getting off the ground with the hiring of new coach Pablo Gonzales in January.

"It really happened by accident," said Gonzales, "I was browsing the internet and saw that River City was looking for a coach. When I contacted Mr. Seffens, he told me to come to a few games if I was interested. I knew before I went to the games I was interested in the coaching the girls."

Coach Gonzales played at Folsom High School and then later went to American River College (A.R.C.), where he played for two years, when he became a First Team All State player. "I received a scholarship from Sac State and that's where I played for two years," stated Gonzales.

From Sac State, he headed overseas to play in the professional European basketball league. "I played in Limoges, France and last year I played in Gent, Belgium, until I broke my foot and was unable to get healthy again." One may think it's a totally different experience to play basketball halfway across the world, and he says it is, "It's a different game, over there because it's all business, over playing. You're not just playing basketball; it's more of a job and the competition level is extremely high."

Since Coach Gonzales was unable to get healthy again, he knew he could continue his involvement with basketball by coaching.

"I wanted to stay in the game because I can't leave it. It's my life and a priority to me. I've known nothing but basketball all my life." He not only coaches for the love of the game, but says "it's more rewarding and exciting to coach than to play."

Gonzales has been coaching for the past year at A.R.C. where he ran camps and coached for boys. He's been coaching the girls at River City for just a month now, but plans to stay "as long as the girls can stand me."

Gonzales says he isn't here to just come to the school to "throw balls out on the court" for the girls; but to install a new sense of competition in the girls basketball program, and he does have experience in this area, as well.

So, what exactly does he plan for the girls basketball program at River City High School? "I plan to raise RC to a competitive level, even if it takes a while. I want to improve the team." Gonzales explained that he was going to increase the competition level by raising the expectation level for the team. "Once the team starts to do this, and once we start to play competitively, then I'll keep raising my expectations beyond the level they are already at."

Agreeing with Gonzales, sophomore Amy Saeteurn explains her hopes for the team, "I look forward to the team improving and working together each and every day and game."

Gonzales has started the season by stressing hard work as one of the main factors for the team.

"He expects us to work hard and focus on things we need to do, and he pushes us to try hard," noted Junior Rosa Verduzco of the two hour varsity practices.

The girls varsity team is currently 0-4 in league, but the team still has heart and is willing to improve. As Gonzales exclaimed, "With the teams I've coached, I've started from scratch, and had to build them from the ground up. I am starting small and willing to stick it out."

Even with a long road and a lot of hard work in sight, the sky is the limit for the team. "I want to have the best team around, I want to raise the bar for the girl's potential and see how high they can go," said Gonzalez.

Club Activity Updates

By Ashley Coulombe
Staff Writer

As usual, the **BEST** club has many activities going on. The first of which is the building of Swanson Hawk nests. They are building the nest for when the birds return to Sacramento. This activity can also be used as a way to get community service. The group will also be gathering data at the deep-water canal in early February, and will present their findings in May.

Meanwhile, **M.E.Ch.A.** recently finished their annual "Adopt-a Family" program. This year they adopted two families. After they picked a "Dear Santa" letter they helped the families by buying presents and food for the family. They also bought a tree and decorated it.

River City's **French Club** has been very busy planning a trip to Paris, France and Barcelona, Spain. Some French Club students came to R.C. to pick up their summer homework and asked Ms. Connolly if they could plan a trip to France and she agreed.

They have seven students signed up and two adults. They all need to earn $20,664 for everyone to go. To do this they have been fundraising, and asking for donations. They have sold candy bars, cookie dough, Boo Bundles, and other candy. They are also going to start selling donuts in the morning in room 51.

OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Bad time for teacher raises

Last Thursday I attended the meeting of the school board. Six of our schools were honored by the superintendent for making significant gains in their API scores. This academic achievement is awesome. For the first time in many years our schools are offering our kids an education they can be proud of.

Of course, just as a hospital cannot operate without doctors, the school district could not have made these great strides without teachers. We as a community are proud to have such dedicated teachers in our schools. But the teachers are not volunteers. Just as the doctors do, teachers receive paychecks for their work.

I heard a lot of complaining by the teachers that they are somehow being cheated out of a raise by the WUSD. The notion of wanting top dollar from an employer is not unique to the teachers of WUSD. We all want to make as much money as possible to support our families. That concept is understandable.

What I don't understand is the extent the teachers are willing to go to get the money. At the meeting the teachers or their union arranged for students to present the school board with a petition and pander for their raises. They also had young children holding signs in the back of the meeting room. These are the same students that the teachers refused to do anything extra for. No traditional evening holiday parties and no Dickens Tea.

The teachers have stated publicly that they are going to do only what was required by the contract. Nothing more. It is immoral to use children in this way.

While the teachers complain about not getting a raise this year, they don't say that two years ago all of the teachers were given raises. 70% of those teachers received sizable raises of between 10-15%. Those are ongoing raises and salary increases. Many, many members of this community are faced with lay-offs, salary reduction, job reassignment and many other life altering crises in the workplace. The teachers are not faced with any of these situations unless they continue to insist on the raise and the WUSD school board gives into them. Then, some teachers will benefit handsomely while many other employees will be unemployed. Since I have not had a raise in more than two years and am now faced with a 5% salary reduction and no reduction in workload, it seems quite selfish to me.

I found out that the WUSD has absorbed $600,000 in increased benefit costs. The district did not pass the increases along to the teachers. The district did not reduce the benefits received by the teachers. The district took care of its responsibilities and picked up the tab for the increased costs. As you know there are a large number of people in West Sacramento who do not even have health benefits. The teachers are fortunate to have these benefits and to not have to pay increased costs for them.

Teachers have the ability to increase their annual incomes by $1500 to $2000 per year by taking additional educational units and just by staying in the district. Additional education is financially rewarded as is longevity. Few professions offer this luxury.

To the teachers, administrators, superintendent and school board I'd say, thanks to all of you, the educational environment in West Sacramento is improving and I appreciate it. If there were money to give you a raise I'd support that wholeheartedly but the truth is there is no money without cutting programs for children. And it is obvious to me that if the district had the money it would support raises for the teachers just as it did two years ago.

What I'd like to ask the teachers is whether they will insist on a raise even if it means that the children will suffer, other school district employees (including teachers) will be laid off, and the community will be largely disadvantaged? Or are the teachers educated and professional enough to understand that these are really austere budget times and each of us must make some sacrifices for the good of all. Their answer will be a clear indication of how they feel about our children.

SANDY BLAZAK
West Sacramento

Shame on the school board

I was surprised and delighted to read Daryl Fisher's column where he "told it like it is" in regard to the WUSD Board of Education and its continuing attempt to use eminent domain to acquire the Iwasaki family farm as a site for a new high school.

I have talked to many people, including school district administrators, city officials, realtors and real estate developers, and I have been told that this travesty is basically a "done deal" as there are no other properties available large enough to house a new 3,000 student high school in West Sacramento. It even appears that some members of the city council have been working "behind closed doors" in support of this shameful way of doing business.

The school board had over ten years to find an acceptable piece of property for a new high school since the last time it unsuccessfully tried to use eminent domain to take the Iwasaki farm, and during that same time period, the city council was busy rezoning Southport for development. I'm amazed that given more than a decade to find a site for a new high school, both the school board and the city council were unable to do so.

I also believe the term "eminent domain" is being used incorrectly in this case, because the use of eminent domain is supposed to be about the betterment of all, and not an excuse for "theft" by the school district.

What a legacy to leave the students of our city. If you want a thing badly and are told "no", you just sit back and pout, make no attempt at finding an alternative solution, wait ten years, and then take what you want by force. This is a sterling example of ethics and morality by our elected officials and I am ashamed of them all.

SHARI BAELFYR
West Sacramento

Student petition submitted to WUSD

(Editor's note: the following letter was submitted to the school board Thursday, along with a petition signed by local students.)

We the undersigned students, teachers and parents demand something be done about the money situation involving our faculty members of Washington Unified School District. In our hearts and our minds we believe the teachers of River City High as well as the teachers at the other schools in our district deserve the money that you are keeping to yourselves.

Day after day these teachers come to our schools and try to teach us the best they can without the necessary supplies they need when they could be doing something better like spending time with their families or working at a job that pays them what they are worth.

Please see LETTERS, page 11

News-Ledger Editorial

Bits & pieces

A week ago, the City of West Sacramento faced a deadline to state its position in the federal court case involving the Upper Lake Pomo band's attempts to set up a tribal casino complex near Reed Ave. and I-80. A city deal to trade services to the land for money had been scrapped by a public referendum, a chance to place an "advisory vote" on the casino before the local public had been bypassed, and the city council had yet to stage public hearings on the gaming proposal. So the council really didn't have a lot to go on when drafting its position last week.

They did a good job, though.

The brief doesn't oppose the casino. It simply states the position that the judge shouldn't allow the Ramos/Oates land to go into trust for the tribe without a process that takes into account the casino's impacts on the city. That position is fair to all concerned.

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Congratulations to the six local public schools that exceeded their improvement goals this year on academic performance testing. Those campuses are:

Elkhorn, Alyce Norman, Bryte, Westmore Oaks and Southport elementary schools and Golden State Middle School.

No doubt the improvement was due to "a million little things" done by a whole lot of different people.

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The Business Journal's Dan Kennedy was on the radio recently, saying that in Asia, the Sacramento-are business most likely to have name name recognition is Tower, the name behind the records, books and video conglomerate. The company is, of course, actually headquartered in West Sacramento.

On a less positive note, the radio story was done in conjunction with financial troubles at the company.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 16, 2003
File No. 2003-52

The following person is doing business as MG Properties, 17 Simmons Way, Davis CA 95616:

Shilo Lisa Landis, 17 Simmons Way, Davis CA 95616; Eric Matthew Landis, 2449 Phinney Bay Dr., Bremerton WA 98312.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/03.

/s/Shilo Landis

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The following person is doing business as Don't Sweat; Don't Sweat Landscaping, 1399 Sacramento Ave. Sp. #138, W. Sac., CA 95605:

Byron Shaw, same address.

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/s/Byron Shaw

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The following person is doing business as Dewey Pest Control, 2110 March Road, Roseville CA 95747-9702.

Dewey Services, Inc., 939 East Union St., Pasadena CA 91106.

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/s/Ron Pelham, President
Dewey Services, Inc.

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File No. 2002-1008

The following person is doing business as California Weeds, 220 A Cottage Circle, Davis, CA 95616:

Evelyn A. Healy, 220A Cottage Cir., Davis CA 95616; Joseph M. DiTomaso, 1109 Petra Ct., Davis CA 95616.

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/s/Evelyn A. Healy

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct 2, 2002
File No. 2002-790

The following person is doing business as Kamon Foods, LLC, 129 E St., Suite D-1, Davis CA95616 :

Hitomi Phan, 413 Grande Ave., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 1, 2002. Previous fictitious business name number 2000-911.

/s/Hitomi Phan

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 8, 2003
File No. 2003-027

The following person is doing business as Altaco Mortgage, 4500 Park Granada, MS CH-11, Calabasas, CA 91302.

Countrywide Mortgage Ventures, LLC, organized in the State of Delaware, 4500 Park Granada, MS CH-11, Calabasas CA 91302.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/24/02.

/s/Tanya Schneider, Asst. Secty.
Countrywide Mortgage Ventures, LLC

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ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VALENTINA YBARRA
CASE NUMBER PB03-06

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VALENTINA YBARRA:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by William John Ybarra in the Superior Court of Yolo, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that William John Ybarra be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Jan. 30, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. at Dept. 7 at Yolo County Superior Court, 725 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/Richard H. Will
2001 21st Street
Sacramento CA 95818
916-456-3226

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 3, 2003
File No. 2003-5

The following person is doing business as JIMBOY'S TACOS #205, 80 W. Court St., Woodland, CA.

JTR Woodland, Inc., 5423 Maidstone Way, Citrus Heights CA 95621, a California corp.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/3/03.

/s/Randy Laffoon

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 8, 2003
File No. 2003-38

The following person is doing business as Kalifornia Kars, 636 Houston St., West Sacramento, CA 95605:

Patricia A. Riggs, 1020 Taber St., W. Sacto. CA 95605.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/14/03.

/s/Patricia A. Riggs

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 8, 2003
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The following person is doing business as Sunny's Day Care, 6 ½ Fourth St., Woodland CA 95695:

Sheryl Lynn Schuyler, 6 ½ Fourth St., Woodland CA 95695.

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/s/Sheryl Schuyler

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Babies are such nice ways to start people.
—Don Herold

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Man and wife, being two, are one in love.
—William Shakespeare, *Henry V*

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PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D.

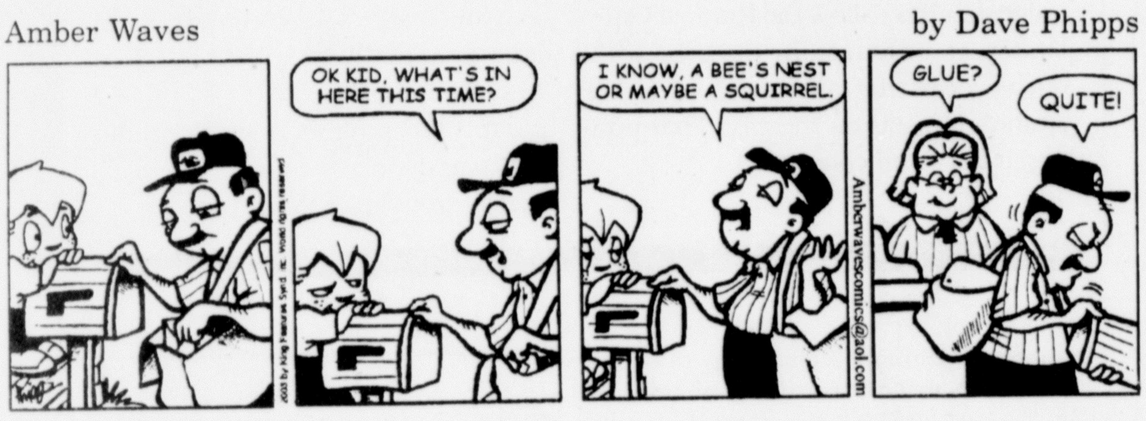
by Mike Marland

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

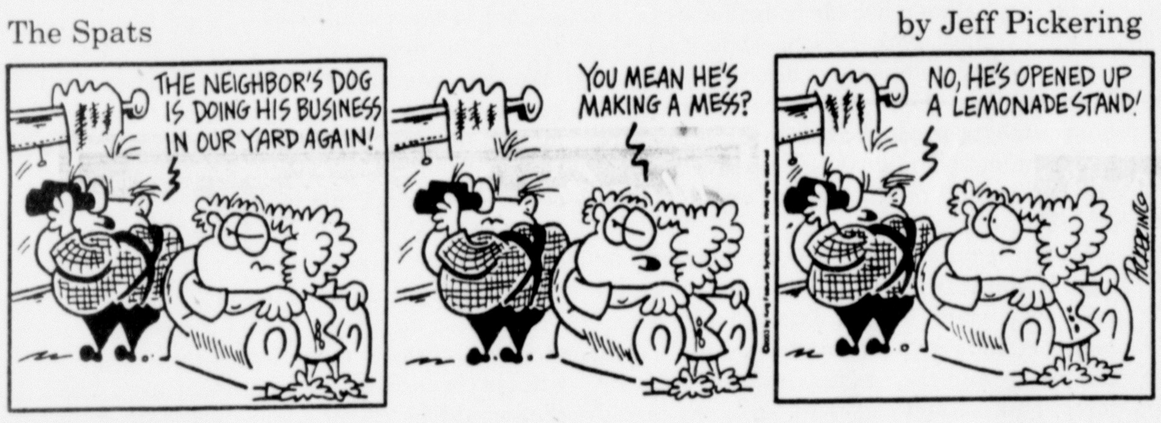
Amber Waves

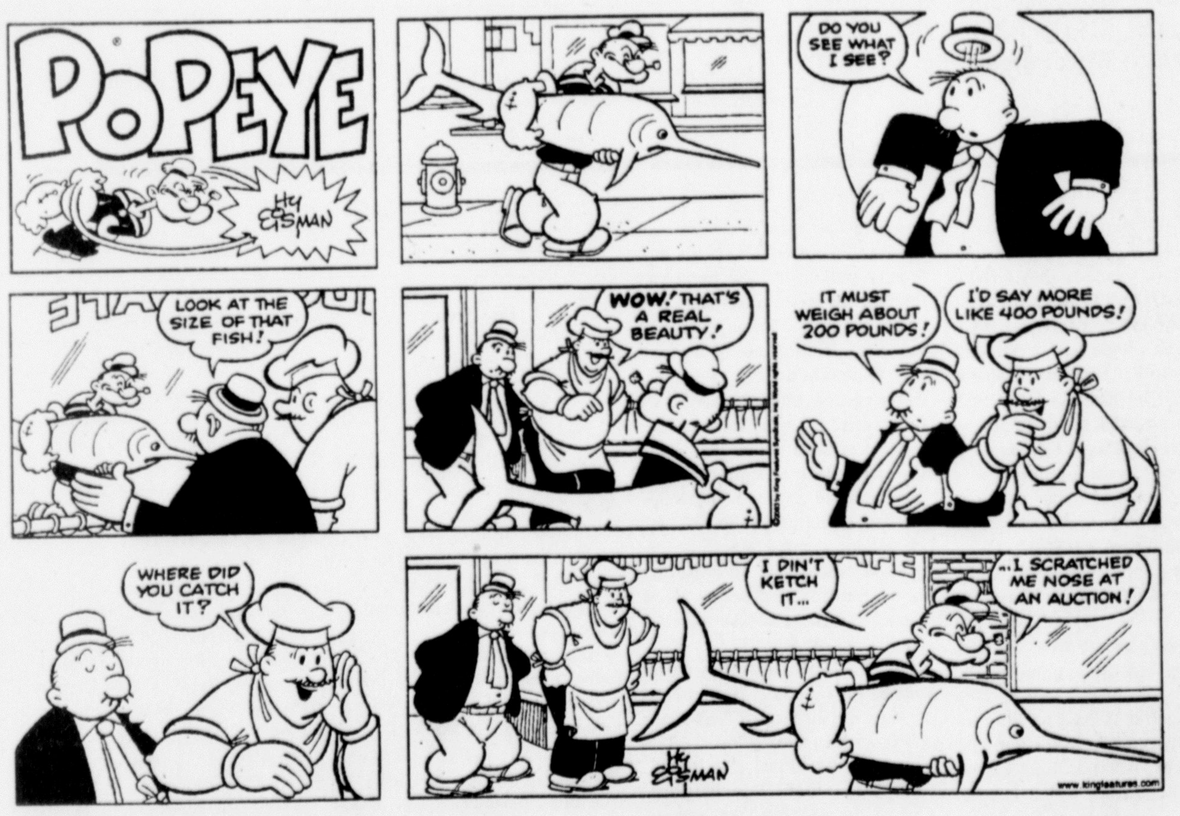
by Dave Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



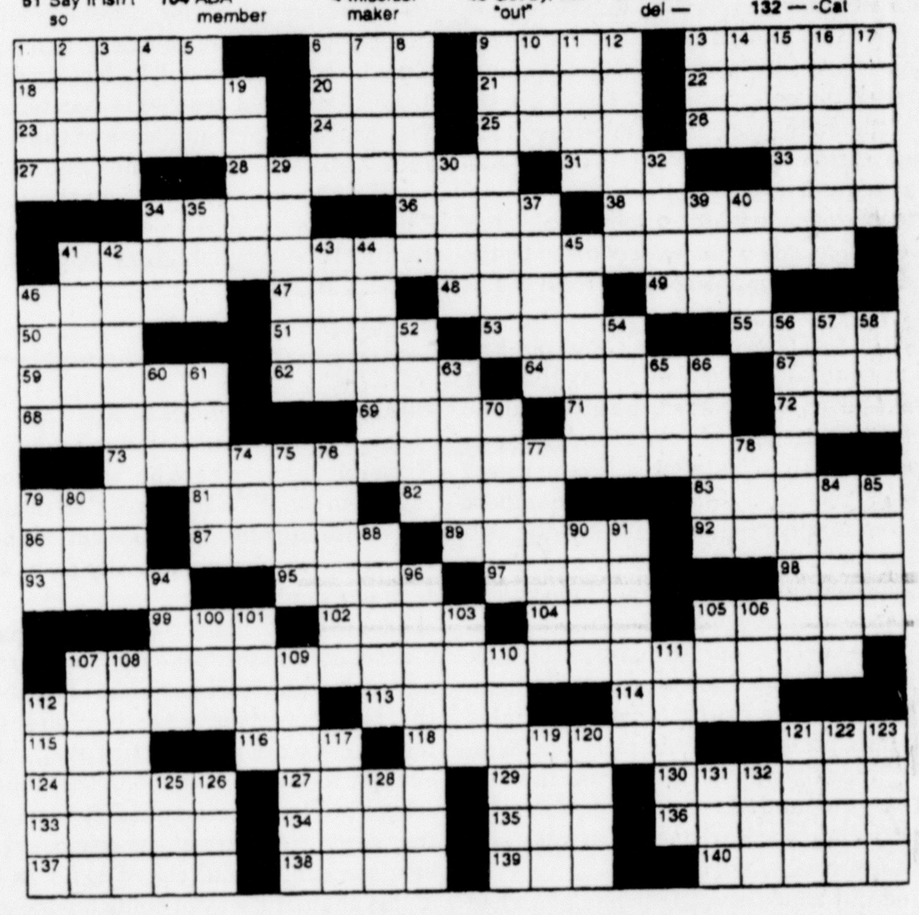


Super Crossword

ILL HUMOR

ACROSS
1 Monty Python's Michael
6 Deli choice
9 Gear teeth
13 Film pterodactyl
18 Porthos' pal
20 Team scream
21 Well-ventilated
22 Felony
23 Start of a remark
24 Funnyman Phillips
25 Deep purple
26 Confused
27 Faux —
28 Vince of "Ben Casey"
31 Small shots
33 PC key
34 "Rosanna" rockers
36 Couple
38 Part of HOMES
41 Part 2 of remark
46 Minnesota city
47 Alias initials
48 Heavy metal instrument?
49 Child welfare org.
50 Mil. unit
51 Say it isn't so
53 Labyrinth
55 Relax
59 Gentle as —
62 Abhorrence
64 A Barbary State
67 "Norma —" ('79 film)
68 Buccaneers' headquarters
69 Actress Ione
71 Football's Swann
72 Woodsman's tool
73 Part 3 of remark
79 — Mahal
81 Alley Oop's love
82 Out-of-this-world org.
83 Invasions
86 President Bush was one
87 Overturn
89 Nacho type
92 Roast host
93 Circus sight
95 Teri of "Tootsie"
97 — majesty
98 Canterbury quaff
99 Hoagy
102 Wordsworth work
104 ABA member
105 Teach on the side
107 Part 4 of remark
112 Deprive (of)
113 Wooden strip
114 Olympic event
115 Flight
116 Tasty tuber
118 Proposition
121 Carol opener
124 Inevitable activity
127 Hungarian sheepdog
129 Shaq's pack
130 End of remark
133 Daybreak
134 Toast topper
135 Periman or Palillo
136 Bostonian, for one
137 "The Brandon — Story" ('98 film)
138 So. state
139 Still
140 Self-confidence

DOWN
1 Theatrical Joseph
2 District
3 Neighbor of Thailand
4 Mischief-maker
5 Zilch
6 Make coffee
7 "Rama — Ding Dong" ('61 tune)
8 Legendary athlete Jim
9 Pepper
10 Vinegar's partner
11 Chow
12 Token
13 JVC competitor
14 Terrier's tidbit
15 Win over
16 Audrey Tautou role
17 Peachy-keen
19 Take care of
29 El —, AR
30 Tapered seam
32 Cut a cuticle
34 Decimal base
35 Two — kind
37 Morocco's capital
39 Cable channel
40 Thickening agent
41 Writer Rogers St. Johns
42 Thingumbob
43 Got by, with "out"
44 Disappear
45 Lapis —
46 Part of Q.E.D.
52 Canadian territory
54 "Only Time" singer
56 Destroy
57 Getz's instrument
58 Fairway accessory
60 Speedometer abbr.
61 "Blue —" ('77 hit)
63 Blabby bird
65 Business abbr.
66 — drum
70 One of the Fords
74 Weasel word?
75 First name in fashion
76 Finger food
77 Composer Jean-Philippe
78 "Platoon" setting
79 Gumshoe
80 Chicken — king
84 Apollo's isle
85 Soothsayer
88 Witty
90 Vino center
91 Irritate
94 Punta del —
96 Link
100 Actress Thurman
101 Bunch of birds
103 "Pyramus and Thisbe," e.g.
105 Playground game
106 Luau instrument
107 Confederation
108 January stoat
109 Earl Grey's place
110 William Sydney Porter
111 Man of the cloth?
112 Great time
117 Stubborn sort
119 Hautboy
120 Be bombastic
121 "Kon- —"
122 Summertime treats
123 — -Ball
125 "Sister Act" extra
126 Scholastic abbr.
128 Deighton or Dawson
131 "The Bells" monogram
132 — -Cat



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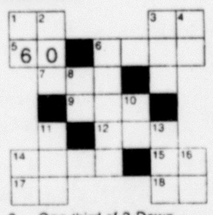
Please see answers on back page

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, the answer for clue 5-Across has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. 4-Down plus 14-Down
3. Two times 1-Down
5. Six times 10-Down
6. Four times 14-Across
7. 17-Across plus 13-Down
9. 18-Across times 16-Down
12. Three hundred more than 2-Down
14. Consecutive digits rearranged
15. 10-Down plus 16-Down
17. Four more than 1-Down
18. The first digit is three times the last digit

DOWN
1. 18-Across plus 14-Down
2. One-third of 3-Down
3. 7-Across plus 11-Down
4. The last digit is four times the first digit
6. Consecutive digits rearranged
8. Thirty more than 1-Across
10. Five less than 14-Down
11. 8-Down times 10-Down
13. 3-Across plus 18-Across
14. Sum of the digits of 6-Across
16. Same digit repeated

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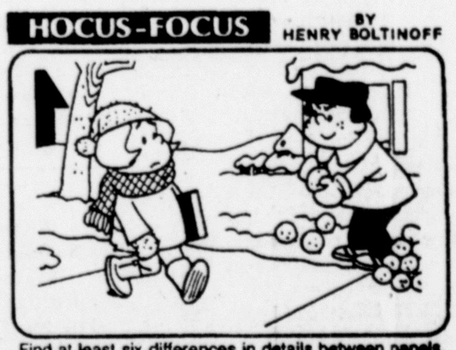
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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6	8	6	7	3	5	6	8	4	6	2	5	4
N	A	D	R	U	C	A	Y	O	N	I	E	O
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H	B	E	L	C	R	O	A	K	O	U	P	I
3	5	7	5	4	7	4	5	7	5	6	7	3
R	S	V	E	G	E	H	B	O	Y	P	T	S
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W	U	S	Q	O	M	S	X	K	I	I	I	G	F	L
D	B	Z	X	W	E	X	O	T	O	X	I	N	I	W
U	S	Q	O	X	N	L	R	J	H	O	F	A	I	O
F	D	C	R	A	E	X	E	C	U	T	R	I	X	B
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W	X	V	T	S	I	A	X	I	A	X	Q	N	N	E
P	N	L	K	I	X	H	O	E	O	A	F	I	H	P
E	C	B	Z	Y	A	W	N	F	T	S	V	X	O	U
U	S	R	Q	P	M	N	J	M	L	J	I	H	J	S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Executrix	J. Foxx	Saxitoxin	Xenix
Exotoxin	John XXII	Super Bowl XX	Xerxes
Exxon	Maxixe	Tex-Mex	Xinxiang
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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

PORTS OF CALL

by Bethany Murray

C'est La Vie Montreal

In Montreal, they don't sweat the cold. They go underground.

Every city should be so smart. In parts of downtown Montreal, you can go shopping, eat in restaurants, change subway trains, get to work and check into hotels without ever having to brave the cold winter air — or the spring rain, the summer heat, etc. Three sets of tunnels have grouped into three "neighborhoods" in underground Montreal. You can wander to the Eaton Center; a number of train stations; the indoor ice rink at 1001 de la Gauchetière; the theater, concert halls and art museum at Place des Arts; the office towers, food court or cinemas Complexe Desjardins; and much, much more.

Place Ville-Marie set off the underground-access trend in 1962, and once the metro opened in 1966, the network really started to grow. Now 30 percent of downtown buildings are connected. So shop, sleep, work and eat without worrying about weather or traffic. For more information, go to www.toutmontreal.com/english/eguide/underground/underground.html.

Back above ground: On Feb. 8-9, you can enjoy the third and final weekend of La Fête des Neiges — the Snow Festival. Everwhite events fill Sainte Hélène Island in Parc Jean Drapeau as Montrealers embrace the winter with warmth — refusing to stay inside, playing like children, exchanging hugs with Boule de Neige ("Snowball"), the lovable, fuzzy polar bear mascot of the 21-year-old festival.

Ongoing events the weekend of the fete include: Fort Plaisant, where 18th-century characters tell tales of life in their days and teach historic games; the Couriers and the Gazette, a race in which messengers distribute newspapers while bicycling — on ice; the House of Mittens, a puppet theater workshop where kids make puppets out of mittens; the Spoilsports' Hideout, where grouchy winter-hating characters pooh-pooh winter and the festival fun, and children do their best to persuade them that they're wrong; and the Glacier, a huge hunk of ice from an imaginary land, a labyrinth populated by the Esprits de l'Hiver ("spirits of winter").

At any point during festival hours, strap on your blades (the original sharp shiny metal kind) and hop onto the ever-popular Skaters' Path, 1.5 kilometers of ice through downtown; and take a couple of speedy runs on the Tube Slides, which will send you careening down chutes of snow and ice, with beautiful views of downtown. And to cap it all off, on Sunday, Feb. 9, Boule de Neige leads a parade of children along the "BOULEvard" for the festival closing.

Almost everything is free of charge; tube sliding, dogsled rides and the House of Mittens workshop each have a small charge. For more information, go to www.fetedesneiges.com/en/ or call (514) 872-6120.

Send comments, ideas or tips to portsofcall2001@aol.com, or send letters c/o KFWS, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

AVOCADOS AREN'T JUST FOR GUACAMOLE

We've been waiting for them for almost a year. Now they're in the produce market, and in abundance — the Mexican Hass variety of avocados. We must take advantage of their availability now, as the season wanes in May.

I think of them as the Jekyll and Hyde of fruits. Because inside that not-so-pretty, rough, pebbly, dark green exterior lies a beautiful, velvety smooth, light yellow-green flesh that is not only full of flavor but is also full of nutrients — vitamin E, folic acid, other B vitamins and potassium. And the fats are the "good" ones recommended for a heart-healthy diet.

Mexican Hass avocados are so good because, for the American market, the USDA has stringent standards for growing, harvesting, grading and even packing. They must be grown in certified orchards and pass USDA inspection in the packinghouses and at U.S. ports of entry.

Avocados are ripe when they yield to gentle thumb pressure at the bottom. If not, you may keep them on the kitchen counter, or to hasten ripening, put them in a paper bag. Don't refrigerate them.

And don't limit them to the guacamole bowl. Try these dishes. What makes the salsa unique, in addition to the avocado, is the wee bit of tequila. And the Tortilla Spirals mixture could very nicely make a delicious sandwich or filling for a wrap.

AVOCADO-TEQUILA SALSA

- *2 fully ripened Mexican avocados*
- *1 cup diced plum tomatoes*
- *2 tablespoons chopped cilantro*
- *1 to 2 tablespoons lime juice*
- *1 tablespoon tequila*
- *1/2 teaspoon salt*

Cut avocados lengthwise around middle; twist avocados to separate halves; remove pits with a knife blade; scoop out pulp with a spoon; dice. In a medium-sized bowl, combine avocados, tomatoes, cilantro, lime juice, tequila and salt; toss gently. Cover surface with plastic wrap; chill until ready to serve.

Spoon salsa into a small bowl. Or, if desired, rub a lime wedge around the rim of a margarita glass or bowl; dip rim in kosher (coarse) salt; fill glass with salsa (refill as needed). Garnish with lime wedge or cilantro sprig and serve with tortilla chips, jicama slices or sweet red bell pepper slices. Yield: 3 cups.

AVOCADO-TURKEY TORTILLA SPIRALS

- *1 fully ripened Mexican avocado*
- *6 small (6-inch) flour tortillas*
- *1/2 cup prepared Caesar or Ranch salad dressing, divided*
- *1/2 pound sliced smoked deli turkey*
- *1 1/2 cups shredded lettuce*
- *2 large plum tomatoes, sliced lengthwise*
- *1 tablespoon lime juice*

Cut avocados lengthwise around middle; twist to separate halves; remove pit with knife. Holding halves cut side down, cut 1 or 2 slits in skin and peel back. Very thinly slice flesh. Brush one side of tortillas with half the dressing. Layer turkey, lettuce, tomatoes and avocado on tortillas, dividing evenly; sprinkle with lime juice and remaining 1/4 cup dressing. Roll up each filled tortilla; wrap tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate at least half an hour. To serve: Trim ends of wraps, cut remainder to make 5 or 6 slices; arrange spirals on platter. Makes 25 to 30 spirals.

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1. **Minority Report** .....(PG-13)
Tom Cruise (DreamWorks Home Entertainment)
2. **Unfaithful** .....(R)
Diane Lane (FoxVideo)
3. **Austin Powers in Goldmember** .....(PG-13)
Mike Myers (New Line Home Ent.)
4. **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13)
Harrison Ford (Paramount Home Entertainment)
5. **Like Mike** .....(PG)
Lil' Bow Wow (FoxVideo)
6. **Lilo & Stitch** .....(PG)
animated (Walt Disney Home Ent.)
7. **Men in Black II** .....(PG-13)
Will Smith (Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment)
8. **Ice Age** .....(PG)
animated (FoxVideo)
9. **Stuart Little 2** .....(PG)
animated (Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment)
10. **Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course** .....(PG)
Steve Irwin (MGM Home Ent.)

Top 10 DVD Sales

1. **Minority Report — Widescreen** .....(PG-13)
(DreamWorks Home Entertainment)
2. **Lilo & Stitch** .....(PG)
(Walt Disney Home Entertainment)
3. **Minority Report — Pan & Scan** .....(PG-13)
(DreamWorks Home Entertainment)
4. **Ice Age** .....(PG)
(FoxVideo)
5. **Back To the Future — The Complete Trilogy — Widescreen** .....(PG)
(Universal Studios Home Video)
6. **Austin Powers in Goldmember — Widescreen** .....(PG-13)
(New Line Home Entertainment)
7. **Like Mike** .....(PG)
(FoxVideo)
8. **The Lord of the Rings — Special Edition, Widescreen** (PG-13)
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9. **Stuart Little 2** .....(PG)
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PAGE FROM THE PAST

WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS

The Sacramento river registered three feet four inches U. S. gauge at the S. P. bridge yesterday. As announced exclusively in the Independent last week a tide of 18 to 24 inches raise shows every day in the river. This tide is watched closely by river men, who take advantage of the raise in order to get steamers downstream or upstream as the case may be. Many people are of the impression that the gauge above mentioned is the real depth of the river. Not so, however. In many places, and especially where the current makes itself felt the river is from ten to 20 feet in depth. Steamers plying on the river between Sacramento and San Francisco have regular routes they traverse and as a result of the paddling the river current usually shows a depth of about ten feet.

James McAnulty is again settled at his desk in Westgate after having spent the Fourth and several subsequent days in Oakland and San Francisco on a business trip.

C. W. Thompson is one of the latest investors in Westgate and has already started a new bungalow which he intends to occupy as soon as it is completed.

George M. Jones, secretary of the West Sacramento Company, was a visitor in Westgate during the Fourth and several days subsequent thereto. Mr. Jones was deeply interested in the moving picture set that had been constructed by the Famous Payers-Lasky Corporation.

J. Beesley and wife are here from Oakland visiting with friends in Westgate. They are seriously contemplating the purchase of some property in Westgate and may make the city their permanent home.

R. Estes moved to his new home in Westgate yesterday. He has been working hard on this place for several months and realized his ambition when he moved his family in there Thursday.

Leslie Miller started moving his household goods into his new home yesterday but was forced to leave a great portion of them in the garage temporarily. The hardwood floors were being placed in the home and it was necessary to hold out all heavy pieces of furniture until that work is completed.

Farmers of the West Sacramento district are extremely busy finishing up on the grain harvest and every thrashing outfit in the district is busy as it can be. The third cutting of alfalfa hay is being stacked by most of the ranchers but the unfortunate part of it is that alfalfa hay is lacking in demand this year. Dairymen are offering not more than $15.00 per ton for baled alfalfa but few of the farmers are selling at that price. They are holding for a better price.

The West Side Auto Camp went through a thorough inspection Thursday at the hands of one of the state inspectors. Everything was found in shipshape and a clear report was turned in to headquarters. This is in contrast with the reports turned in by Dr. Lawhead of the County Board of Health in Woodland, who declared a few days ago that municipally owned camps that were not properly cared for were a curse rather than a blessing to any community.

Mrs. Joe Pereira has been confined to her home during the past week with a serious spell of sickness. Mrs. Pereira has been putting in too much time looking after the business and as a consequence her health broke in a nervous collapse. She has been under the care of physicians who recommend that she be kept perfectly quiet and without worry.

Joe Pereira has no kick whatever about the condemnation of municipally owned auto camps made public a few days ago by County Health Officer Dr. Lawhead. Pereira says the criticism does not apply to regular auto camps conducted by owners who expect to make their living from their business. Municipal camps, Pereira says, are not properly cared for nor are they properly regulated and as a consequence, become the stopping places for vagrants and vagabonds who expect to make a living by their wits and who live from hand to mouth from day to day. The privately owned auto camp where people pay for the privilege of protection and the privilege of housing are always properly cared for and kept in a sanitary condition. Tourists know that and as a consequence avoid municipally owned camps that are free and stop at privately owned camps where a charge of 50 cents per night is collected. Tramps who expect to live without work are not likely to patronize pay auto camps but always seek some free place where they can be at liberty to pursue their nefarious business.

Mrs. F. L. Maule has gone to Los Angeles to attend to the wants of some sick relatives who have been afflicted in the southern part of the state. She expects to remain a week or more.

Last night at the community hall of the West Sacramento Auto Camp, Larkin Mosher was entertained by his sister, Pauline, at a birthday anniversary celebration which was very enjoyable. Just coming into manhood, 20 years, Larkin and many of his young friends around town had a splendid time, the principal means of entertainment being a dance. Following the dance refreshments were served at the Pereira home.

A Japanese, S. Nomura, was arrested on July 4th by Traffic Officer Jacobs for cutting in several times on the highway between Washington and the Yolo causeway. The Japanese was in a great hurry to get nowhere and in his haste endangered the lives of several automobile drivers by his tactics. When haled before Judge Barry he pleaded guilty, who assessed a $10 fine on him and cautioned him that if he appeared again in his courtroom he would certainly be given a harder jolt.

Frank DeRiso, Jr., came down from Hilt last Monday to stay a week with his family in Washington. He is occupying a position as engineer with a fruit supply concern in the mountains and will return to finish the season on July 12th.

John Allerton was forced to return to his home on July 4th from Dillons Beach with two companions because the weather in that locality was of such nature that camping was impossible and there wasn't a vacant room in the town for them.

C. Conley, who has been watchman at the Third street crossing during the last three years, was retired a few days ago from that position to be a pensioner of the Southern Pacific Company. Conley has worked for the corporation for over 40 years and is really deserving of the rest which he is now about to enjoy. He will continue building cottages on his property on Mary street but will take it easy as he goes along. His place has been filled by the appointment of Meccio Chacon.

Mrs. E. F. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buckingham, with a friend, Mrs. Irene Hughes, is a visitor at the Buckingham home. They came from Stockton last Tuesday and expect to remain about two weeks.

Frank Smith of Bryte suffered a fractured skull Monday when his automobile crashed into the Southern Pacific freight sheds at Front and K streets in Sacramento. The investigating officers claim that Smith was intoxicated and attempted to make the turn before he got to it. He was taken to the Sacramento county hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clunes motored to Santa Rosa for the week-end, where they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones.

A party of Bryte residents motored to Bodega Bay the last week-end. Included in the party were Mr. and Mrs. R. Childes and daughter, Pearl, Mr. and Mrs. T. Rollins and children.

Mrs. Henry Jasper and Mrs. F. L. White, Jr., went to Wheatland Monday to visit friends.

Archie Da Glau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Da Glau, is ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. P. Walsh of Berkeley is here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stoddard of Reno, Nev., spent the week-end as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent De Riso, Jr.

Elon Flint and family have gone to Bodega Bay for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. White, Jr., Sunday went to Weimar to visit Irvin Moddison.

Mrs. Perry Moore and her daughter, June, have returned to their Berkeley home. They were accompanied by Miss Ardella Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Boettcher, Miss Mary Barato and J. Reuter spent the week-end in San Francisco.

Charles Hicks of Vallejo spent the week-end as the guest of Mrs. A. A. Dassonville. Miss Helen Dassonville spent Monday in Oakland.

Mrs. C. Bonett and Mrs. C. C. Blake were called to St. Helena last Thursday by the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. A. Martinelli.

New Incorporation Will Mean Active and Progressive Work in the Development of Holdings in Westgate

Articles filed with the Secretary of State during the past week go to show that the holdings of McAnulty Brothers in Westgate have been taken over by the Central California Development Company.

According to the incorporation papers, the company is capitalized at $250,000 with no stock for sale.

McAnulty Brothers are apparently part and parcel of the corporation because they have been placed in permanent charge of all holdings of the Central California Development Company. They have secured a contract covering a period of years to remain in charge of the affairs of the corporation and to handle the business of the corporation at the main office which will be in Westgate.

James McAnulty, speaking to the Independent yesterday, said:

"The Central California Development Company is a close corporation with ample funds at its disposal to promote the holdings formerly under the control of McAnulty Brothers. The entire capital stock has been taken up and is fully paid up. There is no stock for sale.

"San Francisco capital is behind the movement to make Westgate one of the most attractive suburban tracts in and around Sacramento."

Local employes of McAnulty Brothers will continue in the places they are holding at the present time but many new faces will be added to the force to promote the affairs of the new incorporation.

The first evidence of the activity of the new company was seen yesterday in the arrival of nine carloads of lumber that will be used for building material. The nine cars were parked on the siding of the San Francisco-Sacramento Railway near the plant of the General Petroleum Co. The cars will be unloaded and the lumber stacked ready for use in the many homes that are about to be built.

Other properties of McAnulty Brothers in other portions of the state, like Los Angeles, Oakland, San Rafael and other places have been taken over, also, by the Central California Development Company.

In the new incorporation McAnulty Brothers retain their interests in a small way, each of the three brothers holding one share of stock so that they may become eligible as officers of the incorporation.

Further details of this deal could not be secured by the Independent yesterday but assurance was given the paper that Westgate would be given practically the entire attention and promotion efforts of the officers of the incorporation.

It is also understood that ample funds over and above the capitalization of $250,000 are held by the company for development purposes.

As a matter of fact, it was intimated to the Independent that an absolute cash fund of $1,000,000 is at the disposal of the Central California Development Company to promote the welfare of the Westgate district.

SUPERVISORS PROTEST AGAINST CLOSING OF FIFTH STREET SUBWAY

Woodland, July 6.—In unmistakable terms of vigorous protest the board of supervisors yesterday unanimously passed a resolution objecting to the recent decision of the state railroad commission closing the present subway between Woodland and Sacramento and Broderick, providing for a new one, principally on the ground that it divides the Broderick community. Here is the resolution prepared by District Attorney George T. Kern and adopted by the supervisors:

Whereas, The opinion of the Railroad Commission of the State of California in decision No. 14,246 provides for the opening of a new subway under the Sacramento Northern tracks at Washington, in Yolo county, and that said decision carries with it the closing of the present subway on the county highway; and,

Whereas, With the new subway at the point provided in said decision, will carry the only opening from the north side of the tracks to the south side of the tracks far to the extreme western limit of the Town of Washington and the Town of Westgate located on the opposite side of the Sacramento Northern railroad, which condition divides said community by an impassable barrier; therefore,

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo respectfully protest said arrangement and the district attorney is hereby ordered and directed to communicate with the railroad commission of the State of California requesting a rehearing on the said subject.

Passed by the board of supervisors of the County of Yolo this 6th day of July, 1925.

PALMER NOW CLAIMS WIFE IS GUILTY OF CHILD MURDER

Woodland, July 9.—Counsel for Chester Palmer, Riverview farmhand, held in jail here on the charge of killing Velma Daugherty, his 11-months-old stepdaughter by beating her, today issued a stateemnt saying the prisoner has accused the child's mother of the crime.

Following a conference today with Palmer, Attorney C. C. McDonald, defense counsel, announced the prisoner had directly accused the woman he claims to be his wife and maintains his own innocence.

McDonald said Palmer had declared that the records of the coroner's inquest, held in Sacramento, as the result of which he was charged with murder, were "correct, if Mrs. Palmer's name was substituted for his own."

The prisoner, the attorney said, asserted he had been shielding his wife until today.

Mrs. Palmer has been counted upon as the principal witness for the prosecution.

ROUGH DANCES IN TOWN HALL WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

Following the publication of an article in last week's Independent under the above heading, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. L. M. Gilstrop of Sacramento made complaint to the Independent that they were in no way responsible for the rough dance conducted in the town hall on Saturday evening, June 27th.

Mrs. Davis explained that she has no interest whatever in the Saturday evening dances except that she is trying to help her friend, Mrs. Gilstrop

NEW PUMP IS BEING INSTALLED FOR WATER SUPPLY IN WESTGATE

Workmen are busy installing the new pump that has been purchased by the West Sacto. Company to furnish a supply of water for all homes and factories in Westgate.

Linemen in the employ of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company are busy extending the power wires to the location so that it is expected by the end of next week the water supply system in Westgate will be completed.

Temporarily the new pump will be connected with the old mains but as soon as these become inadequate new mains will be laid throughout the district.

The motor to be used on the new pump will be of 25 h.p. and a stream of water six inches in diameter will be available at all times.

The assurance of a plentiful water supply will lend courage to many intending purchasers who have been looking longingly at home sites in Westgate.

The pumping outfit will be used through a pressure tank and when necessary a force of fifty pounds to the square inch can be maintained.

This force can be increased in case of fire and in all likelihood a fire department will be organized by residents of the district.

For the time being there seems no necessity for a fire department because homes in the district are not closely built but building is so active that the organization of a volunteer fire department will be necessary very soon.

WASHINGTON BOOSTERS' CLUB WILL SUPPORT NURSE TRAINING

At the meeting of the Washington Boosters' club last Tuesday evening Sheriff Monroe was complimented for his efforts in suppressing gambling in the Chinese quarter of Washington.

It was explained by some of the ladies present, especially by the president, Mrs. A. M. Cameron, that Miss Rozzie Carrow is about to start lessons in home nursing in Washington.

These lessons will be available to all mothers in the community and to growing girls who wish to take up the lessons in first aid.

Already nine ladies of the community have enrolled for the course and lessons will be given every Tuesday and Friday starting at 2 p. m. in the public school building.

It was explained at the meeting that the school trustees were unwilling to permit the use of the public school building for these lessons because of the added expense and work for the janitor. It was explained, however, that another appeal would be made to the trustees with the likelihood that the appeal would be granted.

The only expense attached to the teaching would be the cost of a book in the amount of 70 cents. The lessons will be entirely free and will be given by the county health nurse.

These lessons and courses have the backing of the Red Cross and any person going through the course would be greatly benefited in helping the sick around their home.

MOTION PICTURE SET WRECKED BY FILMING COMPANY

Saturday morning, July 4th, men and trucks were set to work to tear down the motion picture set that had been erected in Westgate by the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation.

On Friday afternoon the work of filming was completed and before nightfall a special train left Sacramento conveying the troupe and appurtenances to Hollywood.

Just as he was about to leave R. P. Morris entered into a contract with the J. J. O'Connor Company for the disposal of the material that was left on the ground but the proviso was made that each and every building would first be thrown down before O'Connor could place his men to work.

With a steel cable and two heavy trucks every building on the street was tumbled on its front before sunset of Saturday evening.

Monday morning J. J. O'Connor and a force of men appeared on the scene and took apart what had taken weeks to put together with infinite care and endless detail.

O'Connor still has his men at work taking apart the buildings that had been put together. When he gets through there will be nothing left of the street that was used and purposely built to depict scenes that took place in Sacramento in the early '60's.

recorded and 26 deaths. Five of the births were of Japanese babies.

A coincidence was noted in the fact that there were exactly the same number of marriages as there were

CHINESE CONVICTED OF GAMBLING WITH DICE

Last Monday Sheriff J. W. Monroe raided a Chinese gambling house south of the M street bridge and arrested You Yee, a Chinaman, for gambling with dice.

The evidence secured by Sheriff Monroe was so weak that a strong case could not be put up against the Chinaman but, nevertheless, he pleaded guilty and was fined $100 by Judge Barry.

The only evidence the sheriff was able to secure was three dice and a dollar and ten cents in money which was found on the table.

Had the Chinaman seen fit to plead not guilty it is doubtful whether he could be convicted.

Sheriff Monroe made every effort to caution the Chinamen in that locality about gambling because he told them it would not be permitted to continue.

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Police log

Jan. 20, 5:22 p.m.
A 43-year old Sacramento woman was arrested for embezzling about $1500 from a corporate headquarters in West Sacramento where she worked. The alleged crime was caught on videotape. The woman admitted to embezzlement but estimated the loss at about $800-900..

Jan. 22, 9:30 a.m.
Near Anna St. and Bryte Ave., a stolen Buick was recovered.

Jan. 22, 10 a.m.
On Maple St., a resident awoke to the sound of hissing, as if from a deflating tire. The resident saw a man crouched near a car's wheel in the parking lot outside. Police apprehended the 22-year old male subject and found that more than 20 tires on a large number of vehicles had been cut.

Jan. 22, 12:20 p.m.
An unknown suspect marked two cars with a pen on Whit Fish Bay Rd.

Jan. 23, 9:43 p.m.
A man was arrested for threatening his wife and attempting to choke her. When the victim's daughter tried to intervene in the dispute, she had been pushed to the ground by the suspect as well.

Jan. 24, 7 a.m.
A Honda Accord was reported stolen from the '00-block of Solano St.

Jan. 24, 8 a.m.
A Honda Accord was reported stolen from the 800-block of Solano St..

Jan. 24, 9 a.m.
An Acura was reported stolen from Riverside Parkway.

Jan. 24, 8:15 a.m.
On Duluth St., a suspect was reported to have entered a business yard and taken an air compressor, hydraulic cylinders and pumps. The compressor was valued at $13,000.

Jan. 24, 9:20 a.m.
On Shasta Ct., someone entered an unlocked car and took $90 in coins.

Jan. 24, 10:35 a.m.
At a Shore St. business parking lot, two male suspects were seen working on the steering column of a victim's car in attempted theft. They fled in an SUV.

Jan. 24, 11:15 a.m.
Six children were taken into protective custody by Child Protective Services at a Madrone Ave. residence. The parents were believed to be drug addicts, the house was a mess, and the children had not received medical care.

Jan. 24, 3 p.m.
At a Sacramento hospital, a baby born to West Sacramento parents was taken into protective custody by police after the baby tested positive for methamphetamine at birth.

Jan. 24, 10:30 p.m.
A suspect entered a victim's car and damaged the ignition in a failed attempt to steal a car on Ironwood Way.

Jan. 25, 1:10 a.m.
On West Capitol Ave., a probationer was arrested after failing to comply with a police officer's orders and attempting to flee. The individual was cited and released.

Jan. 25, 2:18 p.m.
A 42-year old man on Delaware Ave. was arrested for punching, kicking and biting a woman, choking her until she was unconscious and preventing her from leaving the house. The victim's daughter was injured attempting to escape.

Jan. 25, 11:19 p.m.
An officer stopped a car for an equipment violation at 11th and Virginia. Suspected marijuana and methamphetamines were found within reach of the driver and front seat passenger. Three West Sacramento men aged 19-20 were arrested.

Jan. 26, 7:18 p.m.
A couple on Norfolk got into an argument, and the man head-butted the woman's forehead, causing significant bleeding. He also had outstanding warrants. The 25-year old was arrested.

Jan. 26, 7:25 p.m.
A 48-year old man was found asleep in somebody else's car on Second Street. He had entered the unlocked vehicle while intoxicated. An officer found him uncooperative and verbally abusive, and the man was deemed too drunk to care for himself. He was arrested.

LETTERS from page seven

Yet here they stay, they put up with us when we goof off, they comfort us when we cry, they stand up for us when nobody else will.

Now we want to return the favor. If we as a group of students can see this problem, and you the so-called officials can't, then maybe it's time to put someone behind those desks that can see it and fix it. Open your eyes and look around, supervisors are getting pay raises and new cars and our teachers don't even have Xerox paper to print out assignments on. If you would just take time to look at these people you would not just see good teachers, you would see dedicated people with good hearts that honestly care about each and every one of us.

These are not just our teachers, they are our friends and mentors. As the Board of Education, your number one priority should be the students and our education process. Can't you see that by cutting the teachers pay or not giving them a pay increase you're punishing them and at the same time hurting the students you were elected to help?

This process of taking funds that have been allocated to the teachers and student education should be left alone and used for what it was intended. Just because you have got a new budget crisis doesn't give you the right to take away our money, meant for education.

We our your future and if we can't get what is needed to learn everything possible now because of budget cuts, then what will the future be? The future is in you hands. You have the power to help us. Please do not turn your backs on our teachers. We depend on them and they are counting on you to do the right thing.

MEAGAN E. MORRISON
RCHS student

In support of WUSD classified employees

As a parent and classified worker for the Washington Unified School District, I would like to reply to Ms. Baelfry's letter in the January 8th edition of the News-Ledger. I do agree that our teachers are very valuable. However, if you were to think of our district as a person with the teachers at its head and out students being the soul, try to imagine this person, our school district, missing its heart and backbone. As I have no doubt that is what the classified employees are to this district.

If you look closely at the classified workers, you will find a very large number of us living in the district. It is our community, our district that we are working so hard for. This is where our children, our grandchildren our neighbors and friends go to school. And as a parent I would rather have people of my community caring for my children. I watch many of my co-workers go those extra miles for our students and district. Do you think outside contractors would do this? Our pay comparably is no better than the teachers. Classified workers in many other school districts make more money than we do.

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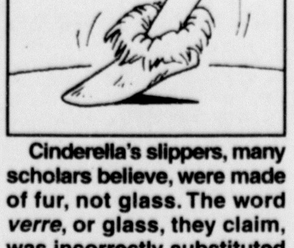
Marsh Mallow is a plant that grows in meadows and marshes of eastern Europe. It is now grown in the U.S. During famines, people have eaten its roots. The root was once used as an ingredient in the candy called marshmallow.



Cinderella's slippers, many scholars believe, were made of fur, not glass. The word *verre*, or glass, they claim, was incorrectly substituted in early versions of the story for the word *vaire*, which is French for fur.

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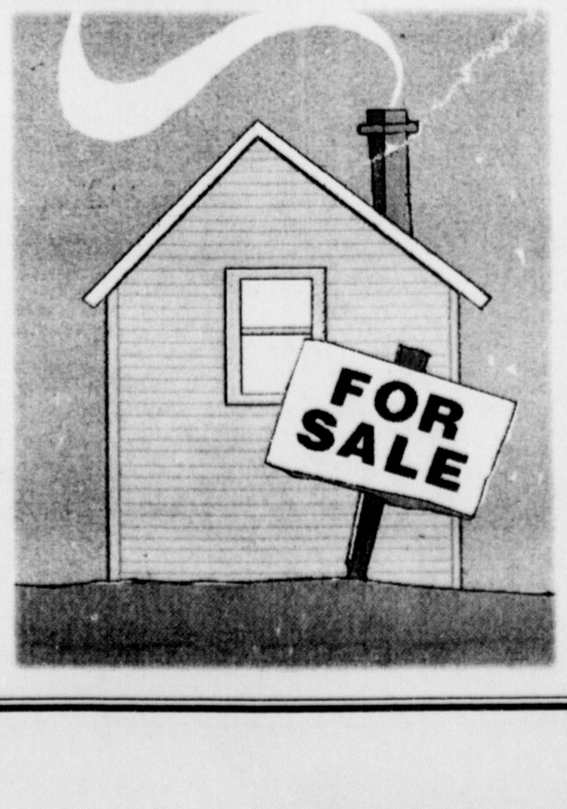

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Local Scene

Name the fair

The Yolo County Fair has announced it is staging a contest to name the theme of the 2003 fair. All Yolo County residents are invited to enter. Winner will receive a plaque. Entries are due by Feb. 3 (postmarked) to Marjorie Pearce, Exhibitor Coordinator, Yolo County Fair, 1125 East St., Woodland CA 95776. The fair is scheduled for Aug. 13-17. For more information, call (530) 662-5393.

'Kids' Turn'

Yolo Family Service Agency offers "Kids Turn," a workshop for families undergoing divorce or separation. The six-week workshop begins Feb. 24 on Monday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. in Woodland. Another workshop will begin April 7 in Davis. Parents, and children 4-14, are invited. Sliding scale fee; children are free. Call 375-1254. Advance registration required.

Horse(wo)men

The next meeting of the West Sacramento Trail Riders Association (WSTRA) is Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the home of Bob & Pat Hart. Call 376-9129 or 417-7266 for information. The association also invites riding supporters to attend the city planning commission at 6 p.m. on Jan. 16, when the commission will discuss the city's parks plan.

Dinner & auction

Our Lady of Grace School will host its third annual dinner & silent auction on Sat., March 1, at 1990 Linden Rd. Auction preview begins at 5:30 p.m., auction at 6 p.m., dinner at 8, followed by a live auction. The $30 ticket includes hosted bar, tri-tip dinner and dessert. Funds help support school activities including art and music programs. For reservations, call 371-3376 or 372-3417. For general information, call the school at 371-9416.

'DADS'

Dads with children under six are invited to bring their kids to the 'DADS' (Dads and Daughters/Sons) playgroup at the Yolo Family Service Agency, 455 First St. in Woodland on Tuesdays from 5:30-7 p.m. Play activities are organized. A Spanish-speaking group is held alternate weeks. To register, call (530) 662-2211 ext. 20.

Our Lady of Grace

Our Lady of Grace School will hold registration for 2003-2004 kindergartners at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 13 at the school library. Bring the child's birth certificate, baptism certificate (if applicable), health (immunization) records, and a $225 registration fee. Call 371-9416.

Scouts & construction

The Sacramento Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction, with Yolo's Boy Scouts, will host a construction program for 30 kids on Feb. 8 at the Clark Pacific building in West Sacramento. The program will encourage kids to look at the building trades for future careers. The public is invited. Individuals and companies are also sought as sponsors and volunteers for future programs; call Judy at 375-1842 or 371-0305 ext. 511.

Senior Spin

February marks the start of the ninth year of 'Senior Spin,' a locally produced game show airing on cable TV. The show is the West Sacramento Senior Center's takeoff on the Wheel of Fortune. Current contestants are Mary Stump and Ken Chadwick. Dee Bowen hosts and Jennie McNeil is "Vana Banana." The show airs nightly at 6:30 and 11:30 p.m. on Charter Channel 21.

College aid

River City High School will host a Financial Aid Night on Wed., Jan. 29, from 6:30-7:30 at the school library. Senior class students bound for college or trade school are invited, and their parents are welcome.

Fish Fry

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge will host an "all you can eat" fish fry on Sat., Feb. 1, from 6-8:30 p.m. at 423 Third Street. Cost is $10 and all are welcome.

Congressional office

Congressman Mike Thompson, whose district includes West Sacramento and Yolo County, has opened an office at 712 Main St., Suite I in Woodland. The re-drawing of Congressional districts has moved former local Rep. Doug Ose eastward. Thompson invited constituents who need help with concerns such as the IRS, social security, veterans' affairs or military service to call the office at (530) 662-5272. Elly Fairclough is Thompson's new district representative to the county. The Congressman's immigration and international affairs specialist will hold office hours in Woodland Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Crab feed

Holy Cross School is planning its annual crab feed for Feb. 15, 6 p.m. to midnight at the school, 800 Todhunter. There will be a no-host bar, raffle and dancing. Cost is $30. Call 371-1313.

Equestrians

The West Sacramento Trail Riders Association will hold a meeting Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. Call 376-9129.

'Across the Bridge':

Events around the region

Free haircuts

The Sacramento City College Cosmetology Department will offer free haircuts or a manicure with a canned food donation from February 25-28 at the cosmetology office, located on the SCC campus on Freeport Boulevard, directly across from William Land Park. All work is done by students and supervised by instructors. For an appointment , call 558-2595.

Iris society meets

The Sacramento Iris Society will meet on February 17th at 7 p.m. at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Boulevard in Sacramento. The subject will be Historical Irises: Their Changing Shape, Size and Colors Through the Years. For more information, call 929-4385.

Genealogical association

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet at 1 p.m. on February 19th at the Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive in Sacramento. The program to be presented is entitled "Timelines -- A Research Tool" and new members and visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 682-8004.

Antiques show

The Ninth Antiques Show and Sale benefitting the Auburn-Placer County Library will be held February 15-16 at the Gold Country Fairgrounds. Admission is $4. For more information, call 530-241-4063.

Camellia show

The Camellia Society of Sacramento will hold its 79th Annual Show on March 1-2 in Exhibit Hall "D" at the Sacramento Community Convention Center, 14th and J Streets. Over 5,000 camellia blooms will be on display and admission is free. For information and space reservations, call 489-1218.

Can you sing?

The Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra is now accepting candidates for the inaugural season of its new Sacramento Youth Chorus. Youth ages 15-21 are encouraged to drop by the choral society's website at sacramentochoral.com or contact Caroline at 492-7761, or email her at cschaef@csus.edu.

Quilt show

The Folsom Quilt & Fiber Guild will be holding its 18th Annual Quilt Show on February 7,8,9 at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street in Folsom. The show will feature over 200 quilts and wearable art, vendors, a boutique and a fashion show. Entry fee is $5. For more information, call 635-1400.

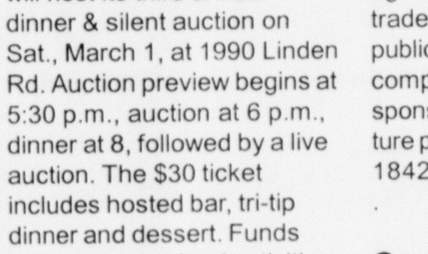
Storytelling performance

The Sacramento Storytellers Guild will be presenting "Loves Won and Loves Lost", a stroytelling performance for grown-ups, on February 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the Hart Senior Center, 27th and J Streets in Sacramento. Admission is free and donations are accepted. For more information, call 447-3557.

Preserve guides wanted

Training of volunteer guides to lead the popular weekend walks at Jepson Prairie Preserve will begin on February 4th at the Yolo Basin Wildlife Center near Davis. Participants are expected to help four days during the touring season and if you are interested, call Kate at 530-758-5093.

Click while the iron is hot.



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LETTERS from page 11

Do you really think you would get better workers for even less money by contracting? I would rather have what we have now.

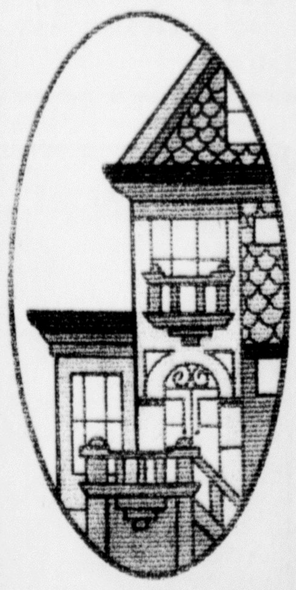
As for you comment about the milk crates in front of River City. They were placed there by smokers on the staff, so they have something to sit on while they take their breaks. It does not bother me that the person who watches the front of the school (as they are supposed to) takes time to converse with individuals. I know that just like the ones watching inside the school, they are only a radio call away if needed. Take my word for it, those ladies do move fast.

Our office workers are so loaded down with multiple duties, far beyond what they were hired to do. I have never been turned down for anything that I have requested of them, at any school. Not one of them has ever told me "that is not my job." Can you expect the same level of hard work from an outside contractor? And despite the constant turnover of administration in the district office, I have always had excellent help there. It is the classified workers that keep things running smoothly.

I cannot comment on your views on school administration. I just don't know enough about the subject.

The reason I am responding so late to your letter is that I did not have the time to read it until now. I was spending January getting caught up with my family. The family I hardly saw during December because I was doing those extra things for the students in my class, which is in my district that is in my community.

RUTH CLAYTON
West Sacramento



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Answers to Puzzles & Sports Quiz

Answers

1. Manny Ramirez of Boston with a .450 OBP.
2. True. John got 164 of his 288 wins after his 1974 surgery.
3. Wide receiver John Stallworth on a 73-yard TD reception.
4. Three — Patrick Ewing (Georgetown), Michael Jordan and James Worthy (both North Carolina).
5. Detroit's Chris Chelios with a plus 40.
6. Jason Couch (1999, 2000, 2002) and Mike Durbin (1972, 1982, 1984).
7. It was 1972 at an event in Austria.

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Rational Numbers *answers*

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Differences: 1.Snowballs are missing. 2. Boy is wearing scarf. 3. Girl's scarf is different. 4. Tree has been added. 5. Window is missing. 6. Girl has shoes instead of boots.